Minutes

of the

Seventh Annual Convention

of the

Evangelical Lutheran Church in Japan

Arima, Japan

July, 1926

Minutes

of the

Seventh Annual Convention

of the

Evangelical Lutheran Church in Japan

Arima, Japan

July, 1926

BX
8063
J3
N52
v.7
1926

94554

Minutes

of the

Seventh Annual Convention

of the

Evangelical Lutheran Church in Japan, 1926.

PREFATORY NOTE:

In the interests of economy, clarity, and facility of reference, these minutes have been edited and simplified as much as possible. All Reports and Actions are grouped, and all mere narrative statements have been omitted.

Reports are printed as submitted by Committees or individuals; where they have been amended, that fact is simply noted after the report. The amendments must be sought under the headings, "Convention Actions," and "Mission Actions." No other motions or resolutions except those included under these two headings are actions of the Convention or Mission.

—Secretary.

Seventh Annual Convention

of the

Evangelical Lutheran Church in Japan.

Arima, Hyogo Ken, Japan, July 17—21 1926.

OUTLINE OF PROGRAM—

Hyoei-Kwan, Arima, Sat., July 17th.

4—5 p.m.	Opening Joint Prayer Meeting Led by E. T. Horn.
6:00 p.m.	Supper—All Members together.
7—8	Social Meeting S. Takashima, Chairman.
8:30—9:30	Session of Joint Ministerium.

Sunday, July 18th. Arima Town Hall.

10:00 a.m.	Service and Holy Communion. Officiating Minister, J. P. Nielsen.
	Sermon: "Feeding the Multitudes" (Mk 8:1—9) K. Takimoto.
	Communion Service: K. Watanabe, Officiating, assisted by H. Aoyama and C. E. Norman.
4:00 p.m.	Song Service at Arima Hotel.
7:30 p.m.	Hyoei-Kwan: Devotional Service and Lecture: "The Augsburg Confession, Its Historical Setting and Distinctive Doctrines" N. Asaji.

Monday, July 19th. Mission Meeting at Arima Hotel;
Nenkwai Meeting at Hyoei-Kwan.

8:30 a.m. Matins: A. J. Stirewalt.

9:10 a.m. FIRST BUSINESS SESSION
J. P. Nielsen, Pres.

Roll Call: All missionaries on the field responded as follows:—J. P. Nielsen, A. J. Stirewalt, L. S. G. Miller, E. T. Horn, C. W. Hepner, Miss M. B. Akard, S. O. Thorlaksson, D. G. M. Bach, C. E. Norman, Miss M. Powlas, Miss A. Powlas, Geo. W. Schillinger, A. C. Knudten, Miss Reba Hendrickson, Miss Marion Potts, Miss Helen Shirk, J. A. Linn, F. W. Heins; and the following non-voting members, Miss Faith Lippard, Miss Amy Thoren.

C. K. Lippard. J. K. Linn, L. G. Gray, Geo. Sowers are all absent from the field on furlough.

F. W. Heins, having successfully passed his second year's language examinations and being under regular appointment to Saga, was, by special action admitted to full voting membership.

The hours for business were fixed as follows:—

a.m. 9:15 to 12:15
p.m. 2:30 to 5:30
" 7:30 to 9:00.

Convention Committees were appointed by the President as follows:—

Joint Business Committee:

C. E. Norman and J. A. Linn, to co-operate with H. Inadomi and K. Watanabe of the Nenkwai.

Committee on President's Report, New Business and Nominations:

A. J. Stirewalt, Miss Akard, Geo. Schillinger, Miss A. Powlas, L. S. G. Miller.

Committee on Educational Reports and Church Paper:

S. O. Thorlaksson, Miss Shirk, A. C. Knudten, Miss M. Powlas, C. W. Hepner.

Committee on Evangelism, Woman's Work, and Eleemosynary Work Reports:

E. T. Horn, Miss Potts, D. G. M. Bach, Miss Hendrickson, F. W. Heins.

All committees and individuals having business to present were instructed to hand their business in writing to the Business Committee.

The Business Committee was instructed to prepare as far as possible a daily program of business.

The greetings of the National Christian Council of Japan were conveyed to the Convention by Rev. K. Miyazaki, Japanese Secretary.

THE PRESIDENT'S REPORT was read, received and adopted.

12:15 Noon. Adjourned.

SECOND BUSINESS SESSION.

2:30 p.m. Ad Interim Report of the Joint Executive Committee. Adopted.

Ad Interim Report of the Mission Executive Committee. Adopted.

Report of the Dean of Kyushu Gakuin. Adopted.

Report of the Principal of Kyushu Jo Gakuin. Adopted.

Report of the Dean of the Theological Seminary. Adopted.

Report of Woman's Work Committee. Adopted with amendments.

Report of Superintendent of the Ji-Ai-En. Adopted with amendments.

Report of Tokyo Relief Work Committee. Adopted.

Report of Joint Evangelistic Committee. Adopted with amendments.

Report of Translation and Publication Committee. Adopted.

Report of Joint S.S. Committee. Adopted.

Report of Editorial Board of the Ruteru. Adopted with amendments.

Report of Committee of Examiners for Ordination. Adopted.

Report of Representative on Advisory Board of the Canadian Academy. Adopted.

Report of Mission Property and Building Committee. Adopted.

Auditors' Report. Adopted.

Report of Mission Furniture Committee. Adopted.

Report of Representative on Advisory Board of Japan National S.S. Ass'n. Adopted.

Report of Statistician. Adopted.

4:05 p.m. By special action, the session was adjourned to give time to Committees to work.

Monday, July 19th.

7:00 p.m. Devotional meeting, and Lecture on Martin Luther, S. Sato.

Tuesday, July 20th.

8:30 to 9:10 a.m. Morning Prayers, conducted by Miss Anne Powlas.

THIRD BUSINESS SESSION.

9:25 a.m. Consideration of Reports.

Mission and Nenkwai could not reach an agreement regarding the time of the next Annual Convention, and the matter was finally committed for decision to the Joint Executive Committee, as per Standing Rules.

Officers and Committees for 1926-1927 were elected. The list appears elsewhere.

12:15 Noon. Adjournment.

FOURTH BUSINESS SESSION.

2:30 p.m. Greetings from our Schools:

Dr. S. Toyama, representing Kyushu Gakuin.

Mr. J. Murakami, representing Kyushu Jo Gakuin.

Business transacted. Actions taken appear elsewhere.

Furloughs and appointments were considered and acted on.

5:30 p.m. Adjournment.

Mission and Nenkwai could not reach unanimity regarding the location of Rev. L. G. Gray after his furlough, the Mission recommending Toyohashi, and the Nenkwai, Omuta; after twice reconsidering the matter, it was committed to the Joint Executive Committee for final decision according to the Standing Rule.

Various reports from the Nenkwai were heard and received as information.

FIFTH BUSINESS SESSION.

7:45 p.m. Business: mainly concerning the recommendations in report of Superintendent of Ji-Ai-En.

9:10 p.m. Adjournment.

Wednesday, July 21st.

8:30—9:10 a.m. Devotions, conducted by L. S. G. Miller.

SIXTH BUSINESS SESSION.

9:15 a.m. Business: consideration of various recommendations and resolutions, on Woman's Work Report; Dr. Drach's Visit, and others.

12:20 Noon. Adjournment.

SEVENTH BUSINESS SESSION.

2:40 p.m. Consideration of various items of business, mainly finance, particularly, the Budget for 1927.

BUDGET FOR 1927 adopted, as follows:

Men's Mission Budget Total	¥ 127,780.00
Evangelistic Budget "	60.392.50
Women's Work Budget "	56,864.00
Grand Total	245,036.50

(Itemized Budget appears elsewhere.)

Consideration of Mission Equipment Extension Plan. Further consideration of appointments and locations

5:50 p.m. Adjournment.

EIGHTH BUSINESS SESSION.

7:30 p.m. Business completed.

9:00 p.m. Adjournment.

JOINT CLOSING SERVICE.

9:15 p.m. Hyoei-Kwan, Mission and Nenkwai in joint session. Closing service conducted by D. Honda.

10:00 p.m. Formal adjournment of the Seventh Annual Convention.

OFFICERS AND COMMITTEES.

For 1926-1927

Mission.

Pres. Rev. J. P. Nielsen
V. Pres. Rev. C. W. Hepner
Sec. Rev. E. T. Horn
Treas. Rev. C. E. Norman

Mission Executive Committee:

The four Officers and
Miss M. B. Akard

Nenkwai.

Rev. K. Takimoto
Rev. T. Yonemura
Rev. H. Inadomi
Rev. H. Aoyama

Joint Executive Committee.

Rev. J. P. Nielsen, Chairman.
Rev. K. Takimoto
Rev. T. Chiga
Rev. C. W. Hepner
Rev. I. Miura, Jap. Secretary
Rev. E. T. Horn, Eng. Secretary.

Finance Committee.

Rev. C. W. Hepner
Rev. C. E. Norman
Rev. L. S. G. Miller.

Joint Evangelistic Committee.

Rev. D. Honda, Chairman
Rev. H. Inadomi
Rev. D. G. M. Bach
Rev. S. O. Thorlaksson

Constitutional Revision Committee.

Rev. A. J. Stirewalt
Rev. J. P. Nielsen
Rev. C. W. Hepner
Rev. T. Chiga
Rev. I. Miura
Mr. T. Tsuboike (Layman).

Literature Committee (Translation and Publication Committee).

Rev. C. W. Hepner
Rev. S. Okuma
Rev. H. Inadomi
Rev. E. T. Horn

Kyushu Jo Gakuin Board.
(Janice James School)

Rev. A. J. Stirewalt
Miss M. B. Akard
Mr. J. Murakami
Miss Marion Potts
Rev. I. Miura
Rev. S. O. Thorlaksson

Kyushu Gakuin Board.

Rev. A. J. Stirewalt
Rev. L. S. G. Miller
Dr. S. Toyama
Rev. K. Takimoto
Mr. Tamaki
Rev. C. W. Hepner
Rev. J. P. Nielsen
Rev. E. T. Horn

JI-AI-EN COMMITTEE.

Rev. L. S. G. Miller
Miss Maude Powlas
Mrs. D. G. M. Bach

SUNDAY-SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

Rev. D. G. M. Bach
Rev. T. Tsuboike

EDITORIAL BOARD OF RUTERU.

Rev. C. W. Hepner
Rev. K. Kosaka
Rev. S. Okuma
Rev. H. Inadomi.
Rev. I. Miura

COMMITTEE ON HIGHER EDUCATION.

Rev. L. S. G. Miller
Rev. T. Chiga
Miss M. B. Akard
Rev. I. Miura
Rev. J. A. Linn
Mr. J. Murakami

COMMITTEE TO STUDY PENSIONS AND RETIRING ALLOWANCES.

Same personnel as Constitutional Revision Committee.

STATISTICIANS.

Rev. J. A. Linn
Mr. Iwanaga.

WOMAN'S WORK COMMITTEE.

Rev. J. P. Nielsen, ex officio.
Miss Anne Powlas
Miss M. B. Akard
Miss Helen Shirk

REPRESENTATIVE, JAPAN NATIONAL S.S. ASS'N ADVISORY COMMITTEE.

Rev. D. G. M. Bach.

REPRESENTATIVE ADVISORY BOARD, CANADIAN ACADEMY.

Rev. C. W. Hepner.

PROPERTY COMMITTEE.

Rev. E. T. Horn
Rev. S. O. Thorlaksson
Rev. L. S. G. Miller

FURNITURE COMMITTEE.

Rev. J. A. Linn
Mrs. S. O. Thorlaksson.
Miss Marion Potts

Auditors.

Rev. F. W. Heins — Rev. S. O. Thorlaksson.

Publicity Committee.

Rev. A. C. Knudten — Mrs. J. P. Nielsen

Representative, Japan Christian Council.

From Nenkwai: Rev. K. Takimoto
" Mission: " E. T. Horn.

Delegates to Federation of Christian Missions.

Principals	Alternates
Rev. L. S. G. Miller	Rev. C. W. Hepner
Miss Anne Powlas	Miss M. B. Akard
Rev. D. G. M. Bach	Rev. F. W. Heins
Rev. S. O. Thorlaksson	Rev. J. A. Linn

Officers of The Joint Ministerium.

President: Rev. L. S. G. Miller
Secretaries: Rev. H. Inadomi
" E. T. Horn

Committee On Examination For Ordination.

Rev. C. W. Hepner — Rev. A. J. Stirewalt
Rev. H. Inadomi — Rev. K. Takimoto

MEETING OF THE JOINT MINISTERIUM.

Arima, Hyogo. Saturday July 17th, 1926.

The regular annual meeting of the Joint Ministerium was called to order by the President, Rev. T. Yonemura, at 8:15 P.M. in the Hyoeikwan. The President read a portion of Scripture, hymn No. 122 was sung, and an opening prayer offered by Rev. H. Inadomi. The following responded to rollcall:

Rev. H. Aoyama.
Rev. D. G. M. Bach.
Rev. T. Chiga.
Rev. F. W. Heins.
Rev. C. W. Hepner.
Rev. D. Honda.
Rev. E. T. Horn.
Rev. H. Inadomi.
Rev. R. Ishimatsu.
Rev. T. Kawase.
Rev. A. C. Knudten.
Rev. K. Kosaka.
Rev. J. A. Linn.
Rev. L. S. G. Miller.
Rev. I. Miura.
Rev. A. Muto.
Rev. C. E. Norman
Rev. S. Okuma.
Rev. S. Sato.
Rev. G. W. Schillinger.
Rev. A. J. Stirewalt.
Rev. S. Takashima.
Rev. K. Takimoto.
Rev. S. O. Thorlaksson.
Rev. T. Tsuboike.
Rev. N. Washiyama.
Rev. K. Watanabe.
Rev. T. Yonemura.

Note: The above are given in alphabetical order.

The following business was transacted:

Formal announcement was made of the voluntary resignation of Rev. K. Kosaka from the Conference of the Methodist Church.

After discussion, it was unanimously agreed that all members of the Ministerium have equal privileges including full right to vote on all questions in the Ministerium, irrespective of whether they are full members or associate members in the Nenkwai.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS: The following officers for 1926-27 were elected:

President—Rev. L. S. G. Miller, D.D.
Secretaries-Japanese — Rev. H. Inadomi.
English — Rev. E. T. Horn.
Examining Committee— Rev. C. W. Hepner.
Rev. H. Inadomi.
Rev. A. J. Stirewalt.
Rev. K. Takimoto.

The following resolution was moved and adopted:

That pastors (including missionaries functioning as pastors), evangelists and associate missionaries, shall henceforth be inducted into the positions to which they are appointed, with appropriate services: In the case of a pastor, by installation; in case of evangelists and associate missionaries, by a service of introduction.

That the right to install shall reside with the President of the Conference in which the appointee is to labor; but the President of the Conference may appoint any pastor to act for him.

After the singing of a hymn, and a prayer by Rev. L. S. G. Miller, the Ministerium adjourned at 9:30 P.M.

THE PRESIDENT'S REPORT

I. THE PAST YEAR.

In several respects the past year has been unique in the history of the Japan Mission. A full year has not yet passed since the Convention last met. But tho the time has been so short, many important events have been crowded into it—events which had long been objects of earnest prayer, ardent hope, and sincere effort. Some of our dreams of long years have been realized. Therefore, this Convention should, from first to last, be marked by a spirit of earnest and deep-felt thanksgiving to Almighty God for His Divine mercy to us as a Mission.

Our Theological Seminary has a new location and new buildings, where already one year's work has been carried on. The Seminary has been recognized by the Government as a fully qualified 'Semmon Gakko' —our first school of higher grade. The Students' Dormitory, the President's House, and three houses for Japanese Professors have been completed.

The beautiful Brown Memorial Chapel at Kyushu Gakuin has been in use the greater part of the year and has been a wonderful asset to the religious work of the school. It is a building of which our Church can be justly proud.

A very attractive Church was dedicated in Shimonoseki and stands as a worthy representative of many church buildings in the United Danish Church in America.

The Stirewalts have built a new home for themselves in Tokyo.

A church lot was bought in Moji, on which a Japanese parsonage has already been erected, to be occupied for a time by the missionary, as the missionary's house rent is being used to pay for the building. And as a most fitting climax in equipment, the erection of the long hoped for Girls' School stands out as the greatest undertaking of the year. The beautiful natural surroundings, the carefully worked out plan of the entire grounds, and the attractive and substantial buildings all work together to make this one of the finest schools of its kind in Japan.

The Million Dollars our Comprehensive Policy of 1910 called for have been more nearly reached than some of us then really dared to hope for.

Dr. Drach's Visit. The crowning event of the year was the visit of the Board's representative, the Rev. George Drach, D. D., Secretary for Japan. This Mission had long been looking forward to the day when

someone from the Board would come and see for himself. We are confident that Dr. Drach's visit has made possible a far more sympathetic relationship between the Mission Board and the Japan Mission. The Mission feels that it is now in a position to clearly explain some things that formerly were rather difficult for the Board fully to comprehend.

Therefore, the Japan Mission, assembled in Annual Convention, desires to go on record as expressing to Secretary George Drach, D. D. its deep appreciation of his visit to our field and to convey to Dr. Drach its thanks for his sympathetic attitude towards our work, for his suggestions and criticisms, for his expressed confidence in the ultimate success of the cause for which we all work together, and for his many promises of co-operation in our common efforts in establishing the Kingdom. It is our most sincere hope that Dr. Drach may find it convenient to visit our field again in some not distant future, and that he may then make his visit six months instead of six weeks.

The Visit Of Mrs. Mary C. Linn. Mrs. Linn is the mother of two of our missionaries and the aunt of two others. It was truly one of the joys of the past year to have Mrs. Linn in our midst for several months. Her motherly understanding attitude towards all our work was like a spring of water in a dry land.

We are happy to have Miss Martha B. Akard and Miss Marion E. Potts with us again at this Convention. We are also glad to learn that Miss Martha Harder, a music teacher, and Miss Grace Marion Beers, a registered nurse, will be sent out to join our force some time in the late Fall of this year. Likewise we are looking forward to the return to Japan of Mr. K. Hirai, who has completed his studies in America. We extend a cordial welcome to all these and hope that their work within our Church may mean much in the Cause of our Master.

But it is with a feeling of deep and sincere regret that this Convention has to meet without the presence of two families who have had to return to America on account of illness. Rev. and Mrs. G. W. Sowers sailed from Yokohama on June 1st, and Rev. Dr. and Mrs. C. K. Lippard together with Miss Lois Lippard sailed on the 30th of June. We hope and pray for a speedy recovery of the suffering members of these two families and shall be looking forward to their return to our midst.

At this Convention we also miss Rev. and Mrs. J. K. Linn and Rev. and Mrs. L. G. Gray, who have all returned on regular furlough. We are awaiting their return next year.

During the year the Thorlaksson family has moved from Fukuoka, where they temporarily had their residence, to their field in Kurume. Rev. Edward T. Horn was transferred from the Kuamoto Field to the Theological Seminary, and Rev. D. G. M. Bach was transferred from

Shimonoseki to the Kumamoto Field. Rev. G. W. Schillinger was transferred from the Saga Field to Kyushu Gakuin as teacher of English, and Rev. Fred W. Heins has been appointed to the Saga Field from Fall of this year. Evangelist S. Tominaga has been moved from Toyohashi to Omuta.

II. THE STATION REPORTS:

Saga. The work here shows no marked improvement. There have been however four baptisms there during the past year which is at least a sign of life. But with such increases Saga at the present time seems to be more or less at a stand-still.

Ogi. One baptism is recorded for this place and that of one of the first graduates of our kindergarten there. The church however is as it has been for years.

"Karatsu is yet on a small, small scale, but moving—rather, stirring. The securing of a new location is a fine move.

"Tosu. Two baptisms last week. Mr. Takami is very, very weak, unable to go out, but able to preach. He is ably assisted by those earnest young men—who yet need a steadying hand—and assisted, too, by his wife and his sister-in-law."

Saga Kindergarten. This work seems far more encouraging than it did a year or two ago, especially in its influence upon the homes of the children. While only few of the parents attend the regular Church services, the mothers come out well for the the Mothers' Meetings and special meetings. The Report reads: "The mothers of the Kindergarten as a whole seem more interested in our meetings than the mothers I have had heretofore in Saga. We had fifty-five present for Mr. Miura's talk on Mothers' Day. About the most exciting thing lately was the Christian Mothers' Meeting the Governor's wife held in her home in Dr. Drach's honor. It seemed to me for the Governor's wife to put her stamp on Christianity to this extent before our Kindergarten mothers and the City meant a good bit for our work here. She is present at all our Mothers' Meetings and takes an active part. And she always goes with us or meets us at the free clinic for children which she and other influential women have started for the children of Saga. The children attend Sunday School well, and our Sunday School is the best atttended we have had since I have been in Saga. The Kindergarten mothers in Saga have assumed the support of 'Jimmie' in the children's department of the Colony of Mercy and have more money collected than is needed."

Ogi Kindergarten. This work is bearing fruit; ten mothers and two fathers have been attending Church the past few months; at a recent

cooking class the women were discussing "the way they felt when they attended a Christian meeting," that their hearts felt different," and "for the first time since I came to Ogi I feel prefectly free to urge them to come to Church. I think a little ride in the motor-car occasionally has helped me to get closer to them. Our Sunday School here in Ogi is the most encouraging part of our work. . . regular attendance of sixty . . often eighty to ninety. Many of our Kindergarten graduates attend. I feel that some day we may have a Church here." Mr. Tasaka a graduate, on a recent visit from Tokyo, held a meeting for young people in Ogi. Thirty-three attended "and he gave them a good talk. I thought, well, when our graduates begin to work like that, maybe we will begin to see results of our efforts here." A number of the Middle School teachers have attended a Bible Class, and even the Principal seems approachable recently. Summing up, the Report says, "on the whole the situation seems good."

The Fukuoka-Hakata Field. With a resident membership of ninety-seven, the average attendance at Morning Service has been from forty to fifty, and that at Communion about thirty-five. The net gain in membership has been rather small. In spite of much sickness and weakness of body, the Pastor "has gone about his work to the best of his ability with a patient and uncomplaining spirit. However, it is nothing but reasonable to think that the work must needs show adverse effects from the Pastor's disability." The progress of the Church towards self-support has been really wonderful and should be an example for other churches to emulate. In the words of the local Report, "the total regular offerings increased five fold in five years; the average monthly envelope offerings, subscribed by members, increased six fold, and the amount paid into the Mission Treasury towards the Pastor's salary increased nearly eighty-seven fold . . . during that time the number of members contributing has increased four to five fold," tho "it doesn't mean that the total membership has increased so much."

"The English Night School has been continued with more promising results than formerly, . . some twelve of the students have attended services, about half of whom are receiving definite instruction." The work among the women has been largely in charge of Mrs. Norman. The Report says, "This includes monthly meetings in our home—devotional with Bible talk—cooking, sewing and calling in the homes . . . These meetings have been beneficial in drawing the women of the Church closer together for service and in interesting a number of earnest enquirers.

After the serious earthquake in central Japan last Spring, the society held a bazaar at which a good sum was realized for earthquake relief. At the Christmas meeting, an offering was made for the Colony of Mercy in Kumamoto." The Ford car "has been a great asset to the work . . to do more extensive and frequent calling . . for the distribution of advertis-

ing material and tracts, and for the holding of short street-side preaching services before the meetings. . . . In October a special service was held to commemorate the twentieth anniversary" of the beginning of the work. This was begun by visits from Saga and Kurume. To quote, "The work did not take on a permanent character, however, until the present brick church building was erected about ten years ago. Since that time the growth has been substanial and encouraging."

Hakata Kindergarten. "This year again we were obliged to turn away large numbers because of lack of room, and we still have a long waiting list of children whose parents would rather wait than send their children elsewhere. . . . During the year, the Mothers' Meetings have been attended by one-half to two-thirds of the mothers. Five mothers have expressed a desire to become Christians. Three mothers send their children regularly to Sunday School. In order to do some rebuilding, letters were sent out to the graduates and parents of the Kindergarten children, asking them to make gifts for this purpose. Up to this time Yen five hundred has been received, a gift of Yen one hundred coming from one Christian family who said, 'we cannot pay the Kindergarten in gold or silver for what our three children have received there'. . . The joy of the work with the mothers is that they have now taken an interest in the development of the work." In addition to the Kindergarten work, four branch Sunday Schools have been conducted under Miss Shirk's supervision with very good results; very successful neighborhood meetings have been held in the ladies' home as well as classes for young women.

The Kurume Field. What glad tidings we have from Kurume! New life and activity! The local Report reads: "The beginning of this year 1926 revealed to us the silver lining of the clouds which hung over us at the beginning of 1925. And if we could write as we feel, you might think our report too good to be true! Growing church attendance, a flourishing Sunday School, a working Ladies' Aid, two Boy Scout Patrols, a Young Men's Club, the beginnings of a Brotherhood Movement, possibilities of a Business Men's Club and a Sunday Evening Club, rural communities reachable by very good roads teeming with evangelistic possibilities, . . . such are some of our encouragements." The Kurume Church is driving hard towards self-support, and the laymen are taking a very active part in all the work of the Church. The Church expects to celebrate its 25th Anniversary this Fall.

The Kurume Kindergarten. Quoting from the report, "The change of teachers here has caused much anxiety and extra work, but . . . both teachers are fine Christian girls and are giving all their time and strength to the Kindergarten work. They do regular calling in the homes, with the result that at the last Mothers' Meeting we had the largest

attendance for months. They have also been able to get more than three-fourths of the childern out to Sunday School."

Hida. In the words of the report, "The resident Evangelist together with his wife and mother, is doing good work in this very difficult and secluded territory, ... doing especially fine work here with the Sunday School children, there being a very noticeable improvement in this phase of the work during the year. Working out from Hida into the immediate environs, the Evangelist carries on regular S. S. work and preaching at Yoshii, the Hida outpost."

Amagi. No particulars about the work here are given in the report, which says, "In Amagi our Services and other meetings are conducted in very poor and dingy rented quarters. But we have hopes of being able to rent and equip a more cheerful place during this year."

Mrs. Thorlaksson has had some very interesting experiences and very happy results in connection with her visits to the sick in the hospitals in Kurume. Here is certainly a field that many more of us could make better use of.

The Kumamoto Field. Kumamoto City Church with a resident communicant membership of ninety-five has had an attendance at Morning Service of between fifty and seventy; Sunday School, including Bible Classes, averaging about fifty. During the past year the Church has had a net gain in membership of about twenty-five; the Women's Society has been reorganized recently and shows an increased attendance at its meetings, possibly due to some extent to the marriage of the Pastor during the year. In the words of the Report, "The Church pays all its incidental expenses and one-third of the pastor's basic salary, but, we must say, is a long way from anything like real self-support. The great difference between resident membership and total enrollment on the one hand, and between resident membership and average attendance on the other, will at once impress you. The former case represents one of the very discouraging factors we have to reckon with not only here but all over Japan, namely the constantly changing constituency," while the comparatively small attendance on church services "represents a serious tendency towards non-church-going, and clearly indicates that pastors and missionaries must be more faithful in systematic pastoral visiting with a definite purpose of making church attendance a fixed habit of Christians."

"The Kumamoto congregation has suffered many heavy blows in loss of membership, the latest of which is through the removal of the Theological Seminary to Tokyo," but "the congregation will, too, soon receive some encouragement from the attendance of the girls of the new

Girls Schools." The Oemachi Kindergarten has continued to do good work. The Sunday School and neighborhood meetings are thriving.

Omuta. The Omuta Church was without an Evangelist during part of the year, but "in December, we transferred from Toyohashi Mr. S. Tominaga, a young evangelist of our own training, and we are trusting that with his help the lagging work at Omuta may begin to show signs of a renewal of life. But just at present, the situation is discouraging; members are scattered and many of them indifferent." The "Chisolm Memorial Chapel," which had already been out of use for a time, has been sold, and at present there are no very definite plans for a new building, tho a small building fund is on hand.

Minamata. "In many respects the work here is unique and offers unique advantages. We inherited many members here after two other denominations had given it up for lack of men and money; and besides we are the only denomination working here, in a town of 20,000, which will in a year or so, when the new coast line to Kagoshima is completed, be the largest and most important place on the railroad between Kumamoto and the southern terminus of Kyushu." The work of Evangelist Ouchi has been very successful and "through his efforts, the Church people have become much more earnest and have been brought to bring their children to be baptized; at one Sunday service we baptized fourteen children of members. The Women's Society has been reorganized with a more practical and definite objective in view, and is well attended. The Sunday School continues as formerly, with an enrollment of about seventy, and a constant attendance of between fifty and sixty. The Church benevolences ... are again being put on a systematic basis." Minamata will soon have a good church property.

The Moji Field. In the words of the Report, "I must express my regret at the fact that the number of conversions as compared with the number of contacts that have been made and with the number of people who seemed to be really interested in finding out what Christianity is, is small. There have been no baptisms since Christmas of last year. At that time there were four. The attendance up to Christmas of last year was good. Often it was as high as 25 and 30. During most of this year it has run rather low. Seldom has it gone over fourteen or fifteen and much of the time it was around eight and ten, with the English Class in preponderance."

Naogata. In my source of information there are no details about the work of this place, but the Report simply says, "at present the Church work in Naogata seems to be more successful than in any other place in north Kyushu." In regard to Kanezaki, it is stated, "there is, I think, a good field over at Kanezaki and the nearby villages," but the Pastor

has felt "that it was unfortunate that he had to go away over there when there were places of splendid opportunity near by Naogata."

YAWATA. The Report says "I have a feeling that Kawase San has labored along so long there that he is beginning to have a sense of fagging. .. The Church there seems to be pretty well at a stand still," tho "I think he is plodding very faithfully." Mr. Kawase says "some of the laborers of our Church there are having a very hard time and that they are living in unwholesome quarters. He thinks for Yen ten per month we could get good housing for them, that is a group of them, and by starting a little Christian household in that way we might do a good work."

THE SHIMONOSEKI FIELD. "The year 1925 marked the tenth anniversary of the opening of the work in this place." Rev. Bach "has been more or less closely connected with the work since 1917 .... Up to the end of 1925 there have been some seventy persons baptized," of whom many "have gone to other places, and others have strayed from the fold."

"For the church here the past year has been, despite many failures, a year of rejoicing in that we, after ten years, were able to build our church. In regard to building accommodations, the church has had its trials in past years. ... With the dedication of the new church building, the congregation has taken a new lease of life. All have felt that now, with a splendid building like this, it would be the fault of the people if a great 'stride were not taken forward, and there has been a spirit of co-operation such as I have not seen before." A number were won thru the special meetings last Fall; one of the leaders in local politics requested that special meetings be held in his printing office; some have been won thru English classes; Mrs. Bach's knitting, sewing, and cooking classes have resulted in several baptisms and they have done some work for the church and the Colony of Mercy.

"The work at Ozuki still looks very promising. Here, with practically no expense, there have been regular meetings every other week, and Sunday School every week. There are dozens of villages north of Shimonoseki where a similar work ought to be started."

The Shimonoseki church has not yet been able to get the furnace and the bell they had planned for. Rev. Bach, therefore, adds: "I would therefore earnestly request that the matter be laid before the Board at once or put on as a special on this year's budget."

THE KOBE FIELD. The Report is brief and given here in full: "When viewed in the light of resources and equipment, our Kobe work shows fair progress, as things go in Japan. Five members were received by

baptism, one by Confirmation, two by letter, and four children were baptized. Contributions for all purposes by Japanese and missionaries amounted to ¥555.00. Of this amount ¥257.30 is for the Building Fund. I am thoroughly ashamed of the amount paid on Pastor's salary—¥30. If the Church here owned its own property, they could pay ¥300.

"The young men have shown greater interest than before and this is due to Mr. and Mrs. Tanaka who occupy the Suma Kogisho. They give much of their time to work for the young people in addition to the Suma Sunday School work, for which they are entirely responsible. I doubt if a paid worker would do much more than they do. I trust that the Mission will keep this in mind when considering the Kobe work. ..... According to statistics just received from Pastor Aoyama, there are at present 35 enrolled in the Kobe Kogisho, 30 are resident members, 22 are communicant members. S. S. pupils 150, average attendance 100. Looking at the figures, I find that Suma is furnishing a large proportion. ... We can only trust and continue to pray for proper equipment to take care of the opportunities opening on every hand."

In regard to the ROKKO WORK, the Report reads: "I must report that work has progressed very slowly, the greatest attendance at Sunday worship being 10 Japanese..... . Our S.S. attendance, since the Buddhists have become so active against us, is never more than fifteen. The Buddhists have a Sunday School and a Women's Society now in Rokko. Also I learned today that Mr. George Dietrick of the Seventh Day Adventist Mission, being about to complete his second year of language school, moved to Rokko three weeks ago and will commence work here. He will stay in Rokko all summer. Dr. Lippard said yesterday that the Methodists are planning some work in Rokko too, so if the Lutherans wish to work here two years and then stop, they need not feel that the work will be dropped—there are many eager to start where we stop. Shall we scatter and let others reap?"

Osaka Field. Fukushima, in the words of the Report: "The Fukushima preaching place has also been moved, during the past year, to a far better, more accessible, more spacious building, just about one or two blocks from our former location. We now have a meeting place of 37 mats in one room, with abundance of light from all sides.

"With various vicissitudes, our work can be said to be more satisfactory at present than at any time since its initiation. Regular preaching services are held every Sunday night; meetings for women, conducted by Mrs. Hepner, every Wednesday morning; English Bible Study Class and Catechetical Class every Wednesday evening; and English Night School conducted on Monday, Tuesday and Friday evenings by myself, and on Thursday evenings by Mrs. Hepner. A Sunday School is con-

ducted every Sunday evening at 6:30 by myself with several Japanese assistants of my own training. Twelve in all have been baptized in the two years of our work in Fukushima, but I am inclined to think that number too many and prefer in the future to give more time to a more thorough preparation.

"The feeling on my part is very satisfactory indeed with regard to the Fukushima preaching place. Rev. Takimoto preaches for us only once a month, but that is his only share in the work. His efforts are highly appreciated, and we are not inclined to press him for more service. It seems to me that the students and members connected with the Fukushima preaching place are loyal and earnest, and I am expecting things to be moving on a larger scale from Fall of this year."

Tennoji. (Osaka Church) The Report reads: "During the past year our Osaka Church has changed its place of meeting from the old building, in which we have worshipped since the very beginning of our work in this city, to a newer, larger and more desirable location, only a few 'blocks' from the former one. Again the Pastor has come out from his Abeno home and is again living in the Church, as had formerly done. The effect of this change was immediately evident in every way. For instance, the number of children in the Sunday School increased considerably; the women's meetings which had been discontinued for several years were again begun; the missionary was asked to assist in teaching an English Class, and Mrs. Hepner was requested to help in the meetings for the women. The Pastor and his wife have shown a decided increase in interest and activity since this desirable location has been secured."

"We have waited so long for equipment in Osaka that hope, long deferred, had almost given place to despair. We are now again on the upward trail, envigorated by a new hope, and sincerely expect that in the very near future we may have the realization of this hope in a churchly church for worship, forming the base and centre of greater strivings for the Kingdom. The substance of my report is that the outlook for Tennoji is at present good. Great result have not been forthcoming, but substantial gains have been made during the past year."

The Kyoto Field. The Report runs: "The property in Kyoto is now our own, bought and paid for in full. This gives a permanent footing and great stability to our work in this city. The strategic location, and the aggressive spirit of Pastor Yonemura and his good wife have conspired to make our Kyoto Church prosperous. Again, the earnestness of the students of the Imperial University, Waseda, and other schools of high grade, who have taken the lead in the Sunday School, has been a strong factor in the success so far attained. In every department, healthy

signs, of substantial progress are manifest, though losses by death, removals etc. have been heavy during the past year.

"The work for women, under the efficient leadership of Mrs. Yonemura, assisted by Mrs. Hepner, has also been, as usual, very satisfactory.

"Kyoto, if the present rate of progress continues unabated, is destined to be one of our strongest congregations, not only in numbers but in the quality of its membership. Many things might be reported, but the drift of the work, you will understand from the above brief statement."

THE NAGOYA FIELD.

From our missionary at Nagoya we learn the following facts:

"The number of Christians in Aichi Ken is somewhat over 2,000 souls out of a population roughly estimated at 2,000,000. Eight denominations are carrying on this work. Of this number of Christians 75 are on our Lutheran record books, of whom 37 are classed in the active group. 75 Christians out of 2,000 won by the efforts of eight denominations is not large, but if we recall that whereas the equipment of three or four of the missions at work is complete as far as can be expected, and that we are called upon to work with no school, no kindergartens, no property, no church building, and only the barest possible working force, we can account for the above figures.

Our work is carried on in two large cities, Nagoya (pop. 768,000) and Toyohashi (pop. 87,000) where we have three preaching places; in one rural village; in public schools in the city and the country; and in the home. These centers are those which were cared for by 1 pastor, 2 evangelists, and 1 missionary family until four years ago, when 1 evangelist was removed, and then last year the second evangelist was removed without a successor being provided in either case. We are reaching 130 adults, and 200 children by 15 meetings every week and by 3 meetings every other week. The division of work between the lone pastor and the missionary under these circumstances does not permit of visitation and aggressive follow-up work, which is absolutely essential to building up a satisfactory work. We are compelled to be content with maintaining the status quo. The need for re-enforcement in the near future is quite evident.

We are discouraged with the lack of equipment and of workers, but the lure of opportunity leads us on to hope that our church will provide a way out without waiting another 4 or 5 years. Toyohashi needs an evangelist and a missionary, our Yabacho church needs a church lot, and our Chikusa chapel needs an evangelist or a helper. This latter request is not merely to fill a hole, but the development of Chikusa with a new car line, and a new residential district that has sprung up almost over

night demands that we support our Lutheran work, which is the only church at work here.

THE TOKYO FIELD. The Reports are brief and given in full.

OKUBO. "In our Okubo work there has been no change during the past year. Pastor Honda is active in service and is doing all that could be reasonably expected of him. Entire harmony prevails in the congregation, and there is every reason to think the work is advancing. A good Bible Woman for this work would be a very valuable addition to the working force. We would put in a request for such, if we thought there was any hope of getting one.

"Our Church lot is still vacant, and the parsonage overcrowded on Sunday mornings. The proposed church building, if realized, would enable us to have a larger Sunday School and make it possible to have more present at Sunday morning services. The building is badly needed from every viewpoint, while the investment in the lot secured for this purpose is yielding no returns."

EBARA CHAPEL. "The past year has been one of much encouragement in this work. Last Autumn this place was recognized by the Joint Executive Committee as a Preaching Place of individual standing. Since then the Holy Communion has been regularly administered and a number of persons have been baptized, while some have been transferred from other churches. There is a very strong spirit for self-support among the people, and even now ¥32.00 per month is paid on the Evangelist's salary. The spirit of the people is marked by a very healthy activity. Some who are yet members of other denomination, are very loyal to our work and help to the full extent of their opportunities in our street preaching. The personnel of the group is various, coming from various denominations and being of various ages. Here, the youth of our Evangelist is a question in regard to the future. If he is able to hold and unify these people, many of whom are older and more highly educated than he is, he will deserve commendation. So far, it seems that he may succeed. Harmony prevails, and the work has many promises for the future. As in our Okubo work, there is a good church lot, but not having a church building, meetings have to be held in the parsonage."

THE OLD PEOPLE'S HOME. "This institution continues to serve its purpose in a way that gives much satisfaction. Miss Chima Matsunaga is still serving as Matron. The old people seem satisfied and happy. All goes well. All show a reasonable degree of interest in Christian teachings, and some have made very gratifying progress in the faith."

HOME FOR WIDOWS WITH CHILDREN. "This Home is doing a reasonably good work, and could do a much more efficient work if our staff

of workers were complete. We have not yet been able to do certain forms of work we at first planned to do. We hope the Convention will give us a Bible Woman for this field. Also, the Mission could place a pastor or evangelist of the right sort here with promises of goods results. The Home itself is running in about the usual manner. It has some embarrassing problems and discouraging features, but in all, good work is being done, and we must strive to complete our staff of workers, with the hope of being able to attain more results."

Among The Farmers. Coming from Tokyo, this may seem strange, but the fact is that our Seminary is at present surrounded by farmers. Mrs. Nielsen has visited many of their homes and finds them on the whole very open-minded towards Christianity and many of them really longing for something more than their daily hard labor. A Women's Society of farmer-women has been started in our home and the meetings have been well attended. The three Japansse professors' wives have taken an interest in this work. Just a few days ago one woman came and wanted to learn a prayer.

III. OUR FUTURE POLICY.

Every mission in this country, and as a matter of fact in the whole Far East, is face to face with a serious problem as to its future. Many factors enter into this problem, but to a great extent it centers about what has been called "The Problem of the Missionary." This problem has of late been pretty generally discussed at the annual meetings of most missions. At the Mott Conference at Kamakura in December of last year, it constituted one of the problems of discussion. It has repeatedly been referred to and discussed in the Executive Committee of the National Christian Council, of which I have the honor of being a member this year.

While the present-day missionary seems everywhere to be a problem, my observation is that in the minds of those Japanese leaders who have given it serious thought, it is not at all a problem of getting rid of the missionary, at least not as far as Japan is concerned. The discussion of this problem always centers about "the kind" of missionary they want. One Japanese at Kamakura embodied the opinions of many in the simple expression: "We don't want the missionary who can be little more than teach English and pronounce the Benediction," and Dr. Drach added, "read the Service and play the organ." One of the young pastors of our own Church expressed it a bit harshly when he said that "the missionaries do nothing but look after the money." This is not literally true. Yet we are wise if we have an open mind to this problem. There is a problem.

More closely connected with this problem than we ordinarily incline to think is that of independence and self-support of the Japanese

work. The two problems are to a large extent one. In the past—evidently for the best of reasons in the beginning—the Christian missionary movement has been a 'foreign' undertaking, and the missionary was a most indispensable part of it. It is only human and natural that he should be reluctant to yield this position, tho it has been clear to him all along that this must be the outcome of it, and tho he has often expressed his willingness that it should be so. But for some reason it now seems that in many missions a natural stream has been dammed up and is in danger of breaking thru with all too violent force for the good of the whole. I have discussed this whole problem with a number of missionaries who have spent a life-time in Japan and my strong impression is that they are 'at sea'. Within some of the denominations in Japan large independent Churches have grown up, and the missionary and his small mission churches find themselves outside and very much in the cold. Surely that is not for the best interests of Japanese Christianity. Is it not possible that these churches in trying to solve the problem have missed the real point and have sacrificed something of real value and truly essential to their own highest development? It is my opinion that this division of the Church into independent and mission churches is a misfortune for the work of evangelization. It results in the independent churches becoming too self-centered and too narrowly taken up only with their own work, while, to a great extent, they lose all real sense of responsibility for the general evangelization of the whole people. On the other hand, the mission churches are struggling along and developing a consciousness of separateness from the independent churches. Such an arrangement must needs develop a superiority complex in the minds of the independent churches, at the same time that it robs the mission churches of the consciousness of being an integral part of one united church. From the missionary-controlled mission work, the reaction has in many places run into the opposite extreme, and yet the real problem seems as far from a satisfactory solution as ever.

Now, according to our present organization, we are headed that same way. Seven years have passed since our present system was adopted and we should now be seven years wiser. Much history has been made in those years. And since we are at this Convention to consider a revision of our Constitution, it would seem wise for us to do this in the light of our own past as well as in that of other missions. If our Church could be led on to a better solution than some others have reached, it would be very fortunate for our future development.

As you remember, this problem was to some extent discussed at a Sunday afternoon meeting of the Mission at our last Convention, and, at the suggestion of your President, it was taken up for special discussion at the recent meeting of the two District Conferences in Kumamoto.

Our minds have thus to some extent been prepared for serious deliberations on this problem at the present Convention. In order to get this problem before us all in a concrete form, allow me to single out the following points for your special consideration in this connection:

1. It would seem that the time has come for our Church to give a NEW and ADDED emphasis to our common, original purpose of building up ONE thoroughly established and functioning Evangelical Lutheran Church in Japan, WITH NO INTERNAL DIVISIONS ALONG THE LINES OF ECCLESIASTICAL AND MISSIONARY ENDEAVOR.

2. As a step towards absolute oneness of purpose and effort, let this Convention decide to make it an established policy of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Japan that all foreign missionaries, Japanese pastors and evangelists, all foreign and Japanese women workers, all independent and mission churches shall form ONE UNITED BODY for all purposes of evangelism and church-building; that in the designation of the Executive Committee, the Ministerium, and all Standing Committees the words 'rengo' 'joint,' and 'naigai' (Japanese and foreign) be eliminated; that the body of foreign missionaries of the Japan Mission be considered an integral part of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Japan as long as missionaries are needed; that one and only one Constitution and set of Standing Rules be adopted for this entire Church, thus constituted; that every worker within this Church who has met with all the requirements of the constitution and Standing Rules shall be appointed to a clearly defined, definite sphere of work within the Church, for which he or she shall be responsible to the Church, and in which he or she shall have full FREEDOM to carry on work, under the Church's properly constituted authorities, so that missionaries and Japanese, while all working together towards the one great aim, shall each have a sphere of work all his or her own; that the work of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Japan shall for the present be defined as that of general evangelizing and establishing of churches; and that, till the Church has grown much stronger, middle and higher grade educational institutions and eleemosynary work shall not form a part of its work.

3. In order to a better understanding between all workers, foreign and native, this Convention should adopt an entirely new method of handling its budgets. Let us endeavor to take away the "reproach" that the missionaries are here to handle the money. Let everyone, missionary and Japanese, have his or her own working budget, for which he or she shall be held responsible, not to any local individual, but to the proper authorities of the Church, and let the same rules apply to all in the administration of the budgets. The old system has worked harm in at

least two ways: (a) the man who has held the 'purse-strings' has frequently been sorely tried by others' demands for money for all kinds of purposes, and otherwise good relationships have been severely strained, while (b) the man who had no hold on the "purse-strings' felt no responsibility for making the budget 'go round,' always hoping that by sufficient pleading more money could be squeezed out. Therefore, let everyone have his own working budget and let him use it to the best of his ability. No one will ever learn to do except by doing. Now that some of the older churches and especially some of the leading laymen are taking an active interest in the matter of self-support, we certainly need full and free co-operation in preparing and administering the budgets for all our work.

In a book recently published, the author writes: "Around the world the problem of Christian work is the problem of the Christian worker." We will all find that problem touching us very closely. So, while this Convention has met mainly to deliberate on the business of the Church, it is to be most earnestly desired that it may measure a long step forward in real oneness of mind and purpose, till we all, native and foreign workers, become deeply conscious of being, what we ought to be, ONE IN CHRIST JESUS, that men, seeing us, may know that HE was sent by the Father. No relationship among us will ever be quite right till each one's relationship to HIM is far more nearly right. "He died for ALL, that they that live should NO LONGER live UNTO THEMSELVES, but unto HIM who for their sakes died and rose again."

Respectfully submitted,

Arima, Japan,
July 19th 1926.

J. P. Nielsen, President.

MINUTES OF JOINT EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Ashiya, Hyogo, Oct. 28th, 1925.
All Members present.

The following business was transacted:—

1. A request of Mr. Stirewalt and Mr. Honda for ¥50 for the Osaki (Ebara) work for equipment during the remainder of the year 1925, was sanctioned.

2. A request of Rev. Watanabe of Saga for a loan of ¥200 to be returned beginning with the month of December, 1925, at the rate of ¥20 per month, was granted.

3. On request of Mr. Stirewalt, Mr. Honda, and Mr. Iwanaga, the work at Ebara (Osaki) was formally recognized as a "kogisho" under the direction of Mr. Iwanaga, with a separate budget, as approved by the Convention at Karuizawa, 1925.

4. Mr. Takami's illness: Mr. Miura was authorized to make investigation regarding the condition of Mr. Takami's health and report at the next meeting of the Joint Ex. Com.

5. A request from Mr. Schillinger to have items for special meetings in the budgets of Saga, Karatsu, and Ogi, transferred to Tosu budget to finance the securing of pulpit supplies during Mr. Takami's illness, was sanctioned, provided the several pastors concerned shall agree to same.

6. A request for the purchase of a certain lot in Moji was presented by Mr. J. A. Linn and Mr. Tsuboike, price quoted, ¥9,000. In regard to this, Messrs Takimoto, Miura, Nielsen and Horn, were authorized to make personal investigation of the proposed lot and report their opinion as to the wisdom of purchasing same.

7. Mr. Hepner requested permission to give up the house in Fukushima in favor of a more desirable one not far away, and that a sum not to exceed ¥500 be appropriated for this purpose to cover additional rent and equipment. Further investigation was authorized, and, Mr. Hepner and Mr. Takimoto concurring, the request was granted.

8. Moved and carried that a request from Mr. Horn be granted to the effect that the balance of the Minamata budget for 1925 be devoted to the fund for reconstructing the church and parsonage at Minamata.

9. That the Joint Executive Committee appoint Mr. Tominaga to go from Toyohashi to Omuta as evangelist there.

That we assure Mr. Knudten and Mr. Muto in Nagoya that we regret the vacancy thus caused in their field, but assure them that the Aichi field will receive favorable consideration as soon as our own new workers become available.

That we hereby authorize sending supplies from Tokyo to help in the Aichi Field two Sundays a month.

That the expenses of these supplies be paid from the item for New Work and New Worker in 1925 Budget, and from item for pastor's salary in Toyohashi Station Budget for 1926.

10. Be it resolved that we take on no new workers from the outside at this time.

MINUTES OF JOINT EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.

Fukuoka, Jan. 6th-7th, 1926.
All present.

Mr. Miura reported on Mr. Takami's health. He went to Kurume Hospital and consulted with the attending physician; trying a three weeks' test. Mr. Chiga inquired later: Mr. Takami has an incurable defect in the brain matter itself. But it is not impossible that he may recover sufficiently to do light work. In Nov., with agreement of Mr. Nielsen, Mr. Takami was granted ¥50; again in Dec., under name of "loan," ¥30. Letters from Mrs. Takami would make it appear that her husband's improvement is marked. The Church members at Tosu have continued to be very helpful in carrying on the work there.

The following actions were taken:

11. Resolved: That we hereby approve the grants made by the Chairman to Mr. Takami during Nov. and Dec. last, amounting to ¥80, regarding same as a gift, and that we further grant him ¥30 with instructions to go to a hot-spring resort for one month, salary in full to be continued through February.

12. The Woman's Work Committee recommends the following appointments of kindergartners: Tomeoka Yoneko, to Saga Kindergarten; Kondo Yasuko to Kurume. Approved.

13. The Zaidan of Kyushu Gakuin requests that Rev. George Schillinger be appointed to take up the work as English teacher at Kyushu Gakuin to succeed Mr. Gray upon his return to America on furlough in March of this year. Resolved that Mr. Schillinger be appointed to Kyushu Gakuin, as requested.

14. A discrepancy appears in the Minutes of the Mission and Nenkwai regarding action taken concerning the so-called "Evangelistic Library" (Dendo Bunko): The Minutes of the Nenkwai read that the disposition of the Dendo Bunko be referred to the Joint Evangelistic Committee; the Minutes of the Mission read: "be referred to the Joint Executive Committee. The Joint Executive Committee hereby resolves that the action of the Nenkwai be considered as valid, and that the disposition of the Dendo Bunko be referred to the Joint Evangelistic Committee.

15. In accordance with the instructions of the Jt. Ex. Com. at the meeting of Oct. 28, 1925, those designated reported that they had visited Moji and inspected the land proposed for purchase and that they approve the purchase by the Mission if such is found practicable.

16. In order to harmonize the Minutes of both Nenkwai and Mission, be it resolved that before printing same, the Japanese and English Minutes be edited by the members of the Joint Business Committee in consultation with the two Secretaries.

17. The proposition of Mr. J. A. Linn and Mr. Tsuboike in regard to building a parsonage on the newly bought land at Moji is approved.

18. Mr. Shiina's health: Inasmuch as Mr. Shiina's health is again showing evidences of more or less serious impairment, be it resolved, that we advise him and those connected with his field of work to temporarily reduce his activities to a minimum; we recommend especially that so far as possible he be relieved of such work as requires him to go out at night, or away from home. We further resolve that a special grant of ¥10 per month for three months be made to Mr. Shiina for additional nutritious food.

19. That, in accordance with Mr. Wasa's request, he be released from pastoral responsibilities at Ogi; that Mr. Watanabe be authorized to take charge of the Ogi work; that Mr. Watanabe be relieved of his supply work at Tosu; and that Mr. Norman be requested to supply at Tosu three Sundays a month, and Mr. Washiyama, one Sunday a month.

20. That we express the desire that henceforward all reports concerning the educational and social work of our Church be read in the Nenkwai in the same form as in the Mission Chamber.

21. In reply to the request for an appropriation for travelling and literature for Mr. Bach at Shimonoseki, the Joint Executive Committee recommends that, inasmuch as the question of the work of the evangelistic missionary will come up for special discussion at the approaching meeting of the Joint Conference in the early spring, Mr. Bach be requested to concentrate his activities for the time being on work *in* Shimonoseki City with a view to building up the Shimonoseki congregation.

22. That we acquiesce in the request of the Zaidan that upon the departure of Rev. J. K. Linn on furlough the Seminary Faculty arrange to take over his hours and engage another Japanese teacher for the English hours, especially in the Preparatory Dept.

23. Request from Mr. Yonemura and Mr. Hepner in regard to repairs to Kyoto Church property: that the amount expended for repairs has exceeded the budget by ¥142.50. Resolved that the amount requested be paid out of the item for General Incidentals in Evangelistic Budget for 1926.

24. That a special request for ¥50 for further improvements to the Kyoto Property be sanctioned, and appropriated out of the item General Incidentals in 1926 Budget.

25. That Mr. Heins be appointed to succeed Mr. Schillinger in Saga from the fall of 1926.

26. On request of Mr. Stirewalt and Mr. Honda, that the sum of ¥60. be granted for Biblical instruction and S.S. work at Koenji, same to be appropriated from item in 1926 Budget for New York and New Workers.

27. In response to an expression of a desire on the part of Takimoto Yukio that he be granted special consideration for further study with a view to study in America, Resolved that the application be referred to the Seminary Faculty for further consideration and recommendation.

28. That we guarantee the money necessary (about ¥200) to commute the military service of Sakai Yoshio now in the Theological Seminary to one year and postpone his service till after his graduation from the Seminary.

29. That the invitation extended by the Kurume Congregation to hold the Joint Bukwai in Kurume at the time of the 25th Anniversary of the Founding of the Kurume work, be referred to the Conference Committee appointed by the Convention at Karuizawa, 1925. This Committee is composed of the two Presidents, of the Eastern and Western Conferences respectively, and the Joint Evangelistic Com.

30. That we express to Mr. Chiga our sincere sympathy with him on account of the many illnesses in his family, and hereby grant him a special gift of ¥300 to assist him in this time of his greatly increased financial burdens.

31. That Mr. Horn be authorized to make a visit of investigation to Nobeoka, where it is reported seven Lutheran members have recently moved, and report to the Joint Executive Committee upon the advisability of serving the members there regularly.

32. That at the Joint Bukwai to be held at the time of Dr. Drach's visit to Japan, papers be read on the following subjects, and discussed as follows:

"Self-Support and Independence of the Japanese Lutheran Church"—paper to be read by Mr. Chiga and discussion introduced by Mr. Hepner.

"The Place and Work of the Evangelistic Missionary in the Japan Lutheran Church"—paper to be read by Mr. Horn, and discussion to be opened by Mr. Takimoto.

"Higher Education"—paper to be read by Mr. Nielsen, and discussion to be opened by Mr. Miura.

MINUTES OF THE JOINT EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.

Ad Interim:

33. Jan. 30th, 1926. Application from the Seminary Faculty to open a preaching place in Nakano, Tokyo-Fu, and request for Yen 600.00 for this purpose for the remainder of the current year, approved and granted.

34. Jan. 30th. Request of Seminary Faculty for a grant of Yen-100.00 for Asagaya Sunday-School, approved.

35. That the Rev. L. G. Gray be notified before his departure for furlough that upon his return to Japan he will be appointed to another field.

36. Feb. 17th. That Kyushu Gakuin Zaidan be requested to call the Rev. Edward T. Horn to the position of professor in the Theological Seminary for the remainder of his present term on the field, his work to begin in April.

37. Mar. 6th, 1926. That Mr. Tominaga, Omuta, be granted permission to rent an additional house for his residence, at Yen-23.00 per month, and that this be paid out of the item for new work and new workers.

38. Mar. 8th, 1926. That Mr. Nakashima Hidetsugu be informed that we do not see our way clear at this time to send him to America.

39. April 10th, 1926. That the following candidates for Seminary scholarships be approved:

Yano Shidzuyoshi; Iseri Sadayasu; Takei Masago.

The following are actions taken by the Joint Executive Committee at a full meeting held at Kyushu Jo Gakuin, Kumamoto, May 3, 1926:

40. Request of Mr. Iwanaga to be allowed to take lectures in Hosei University, Ushigome, Tokyo, 8 hours per week: Granted on condition that his church work will permit.

41. Request of Rev. A. J. Stirewalt in behalf of Rev. D. Honda, for financial assistance on account of heavy medical expenses and the unusually heavy burden of the social demands in Tokyo:

The following action was taken: That Rev. Mr. Stirewalt be requested to present Rev. Mr. Honda with Yen-200.00 from the Earthquake Relief Fund, in appreciation of his services at the time of and subsequent to the Great Disaster.

42. In regard to an application for admittance into our church as an evangelist from Mr. Fukushima Ikumatsu, the Executive Committee reiterated its action taken at Osaka 1925.

43. Mr. Horn reported that he had made a visit to Nobeoka as authorized and had investigated the situation there with reference to our church and her present responsibility; in consequence the Executive Committee took the following action: That we find it impossible to serve Nobeoka on account of its great distance from other stations, and in view of the fact that there are so few of our Lutheran members there.

44. Approved the recommendation of the Woman's Work Committee that Miss Inui be taken under the Men's evangelistic budget, as woman evangelist to work at Rokkomura.

45. The proposals made by the Finance Committee in regard to the allocation of the 1926 Budget to meet the reduction made by the Board; were approved.

46. That Utsumi Sueaki, theological student, be considered a *regular* scholarship student.

47. That the Lutheran Church contribute to the Japan National S. S. Ass'n the requested fee of Yen 25.00 per annum.

48. Approved the action of the Chairman in sending to Mr. Takami, Tosu, an extra Yen 30.00 for his expenses at the hot springs.

49. Approved grant of Yen 100.00 for the Moji work, for conducting a S.S. at Maruyama.

50. Approved the request for Student Yamauchi to assist in summer evangelistic work at Tosu.

51. Approved of the proposal to retain students Fukuyama and Kawagiri in Tokyo during the summer to conduct the evangelistic work at Nakano and other Sunday-Schools at the Seminary and Asagaya.

52. Approved of the request for student Muto to help at Osaka Church during the summer.

53. Approved a grant of Yen 20.00 over and above regular scholarships for students doing summer evangelistic work.

54. Allowed in addition to special grants heretofore approved the Yen 150.00 returned from quarantee money, for repairs to the Kyoto Church property.

55. May 7th, 1926. That the 1926 Annual Convention be held as soon as possible after July 20th, at Gotemba if possible, and if not, at Arima.

56. That the Rev. D. G. M. Bach be appointed to Kumamoto Station; appointment to go into effect at once.

57. Ad interim action:

May 23rd, 1926. Approved a plan to purchase the present Church property at Nogata, comprising 200 tsubo of land and two houses, for a total cost of Yen 8,700.00; payment to be made on the following terms: cash down, ¥3,000.00; and the remainder at the rate of ¥100.00 per month, of which ¥80.00 is to be paid by the Mission as "rent," and the Nōgata congregation engages to pay ¥20.00 monthly.

Edward T. Horn, Secretary.

MISSION EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MINUTES.

Ad interim:

1. Sept. 26th, 1925. Approved plan to hold meetings of the Mission Executive Committee as far as possible at the same time and place as the Joint Executive, quarterly, and as far as practicable defer all important business till regular meetings.

Oct. 14.

2. Accepted resignation of Mrs. C. E. Norman from the Furniture Committee.

Oct. 27.

3. Approved the request of Rev. A. J. Stirewalt for permission to extend the room in parsonage used for church services at Okubo, Tokyo.

Nov. 5.

4. Medical bills for 1925 exceeded the amount of the budget for same: Resolved that the deficit be defrayed out of the item for "Emergency."

Nov. 14.

5. That we approve the plan to purchase the Moji property comprising one hundred and seventy-six tsubo of land and house thereon for a total of Yen 9,000.00, Yen 6,000. to be requested as a special appropriation from the Board, and the remainder to be defrayed from the proceeds of the sale of the property at Hita, the whole plan to be conditional upon the Board's permission, same to be solicited by cable. Official permission was received by cable on Nov. 26th, and the property was accordingly purchased through the Mission Shadan.

6. Nov. 30. Rev. D.G.M. Bach was elected as Lutheran representative on the Missionary Advisory Board of the Japan National S.S. Ass'n.

7. Nov. 30. Time of meeting of Mission Executive Committee fixed for Jan. 5-6, 1926, at Hakata.

MINUTES OF MISSION EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.

Fukuoka, January 6th- 7th, 1926.

Present: Mr. Nielsen, Chmn.; Miss Akard, Dr. Lippard, Mr. Hepner, Mr. Horn.

The following business was transacted:—

8. Hita Land Proposition: That the Mission makes a definite proposition to the prospective purchaser to sell the property for cash payment of ¥3,500.00 if possible, with instructions to those selling that they may come down to ¥3,000.

That Mr. Thorlaksson and Mr. Miller be notified of this action at once so that they can arrange the sale.

That the proceeds of the sale be utilized to defray part of the cost of the land recently purchased at Moji.

9. Future of Federated Missions: That the Lutheran Mission approves the continuation of the Federation as proposed by the Committee entrusted with the question.

10. Interpretation of rules governing Child Allowance: That the Secretary be authorized to communicate with the Board regarding their interpretation of the rule limiting the allowance to $1,000: may there be an exception in case children are away from home for educational purposes, or not?

11. That Rev. J. K. Linn be permitted to take his furlough from March of the current year instead of from the beginning of the summer. That the Board be requested to cable the money for Mr. Linn's travelling expenses.

12. That we submit the plan proposed for Moji by Rev. J. A. Linn and Rev. Mr. Tsuboike regarding the building of a house to be used later as a parsonage, and payments thereon, etc., to the Building Committee for their favorable consideration, and, if they approve, to arrange for the execution thereof.

13. That the request of Mr. Thorlaksson to be permitted to use $429.19 of money earned in teaching at Kurume for equipping his Ford with tires, tent for evangelistic work, and for garage, be approved.

That Mr. Thorlaksson be permitted to put aside the balance of money earned in teaching, namely the sum of ¥130.81, as the beginning of a fund for repairs to the parsonage at Kurume; but that it will not likely to possible to appropriate any money from the surplus of 1925 budget to this purpose.

That the request of Mr. Thorlaksson for a loan of ¥500 to ¥600 for the purpose of securing and equipping a better place of worship in Amagi be approved, with the understanding that this amount be advanced from the 1926 Budget and be returned by Mr. Thorlaksson from money earned in teaching in Kurume.

14. Mr. Bach's request for ¥600 for travelling expenses and tracts and other literature for use in the environs of Shimonoseki: that Mr. Bach's request will receive favorable consideration, if possible, at the time of the adjustment of the 1926 Budget to meet the reduction ordered by the Board.

15. Request from Moji Station: In regard to the request from Moji Station for about ¥100 for opening a new S.S. beyond Maruyama, it was resolved that the request be referred back to the Moji workers and that they be asked to try to defray this expense out of their station budget for 1926; this in view of the large cut in the Budget.

16. Kyushu Gakuin Zaidan requests that deficits as follows, ¥1,125 in the Middle Dept., and ¥569.21 in Theological Dept., be defrayed from surplus in 1925 Budget; Resolved that if possible this request receive favorable consideration if there be sufficient surplus.

17. The Woman's Work Committee recommends that automobiles as gifts to workers are not acceptable unless they are endowed to the amount of $300 per year: this recommendation was approved.

18. An appeal from the Woman's Work Committee for ¥100 from surplus of Woman's Work Budget for 1925 for repairs to Kindergarten Teachers' Residence at Saga, granted.

19. Miss Thoren's request through Woman's Work Committee for ¥60 additional for language study provided approval of Prof. Matsumiya to such study be secured, and provided that the time so employed be considered part of her regular daily preparation and not extra, was sanctioned.

20. Recommendation from Woman's Work Committee in regard to qualifications of women missionaries, endorsed as submitted.

21. Recommendation of Woman's Work Committee in regard to requesting the Board to equip one station a year: endorsed.

22. Recommendation of Girls' School Committee asking the Board to establish a scholarship of ¥55 per year in each class: endorsed.

23. Recommendation of Girls' School Committee asking Board to grant a special aid fund of ¥60 per year for needy students for books, etc.: endorsed.

24. The Girls' School Committee requests to be permitted to appeal for a Ford for the use of the Girls' School: endorsed.

25. Request from Kumamoto Church for the transfer of ¥150 from item for "rent" to "repairs," on 1925 Budget: action was taken to the effect that this request be handed to he Finance Committee for favorable consideration in the adjustment of the surplus of 1925 Budget.

26. It was reported that the Chisolm Memorial, Asahi Machi, Omuta, had been sold, net proceeds of sale amounting to ¥1,435. It was moved and carried that this amount be put aside at interest towards the Building Fund of the Omuta Church.

27. By ballot Mrs. L. G. Gray was elected to serve on the Furniture Committee to fill out unexpired term of Mrs. Norman.

MISSION EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MINUTES.

Ad interim:

28. Jan. 18, 1926. Authorize Miss Maude Powlas to appeal for a Ford for the Ji-Ai-En.

29. Feb. 15, 1926. The allocation of the 1926 Budget as proposed by the Finance Committee to meet the cut announced by the Board, approved.

30. Feb. 22. Mrs. S. O. Thorlaksson elected to serve on the Furniture Committee, to take the place of Mrs. Gray upon her return to America on furlough.

31. Feb. 22. Rev. Arthur Linn elected to serve on the Furniture Committee, to take the place of Rev. Gray upon his return to America on furlough.

32. Feb. 24. Mission Treasurer authorized to draw travelling expenses for Rev. J. K. Linn and family.

33. March 6. Proposal of Omuta Church to sell present lot and purchase in more favorable location sanctioned. Note: This, however, proved impracticable, and was officially dropped (at meeting, May 7th).

34. April 3. That the expenses of missionaries' wives who attend the Conference in Kumamoto in May be paid.

35. April 8. The proposal of Rev. A. J. Stirewalt that an exchange of lots in Ebara (Osaki), Tokyo, be made involving no expense, was approved.

Meeting, Mission Executive Committee, Kyushu Jo Gakuin, Kumamoto, May 7, '26.

36. Approved a plan to purchase the present Church property at Nogata, comprising 200 tsubo of land and two houses, for a total cost of ¥8,700; payment to be made on the following terms: cash down, ¥3,000; and the remainder at the rate of ¥100 per month, of which ¥80 is to be paid by the Mission as "rent," and the Nogata congregation engages to pay ¥20 monthly.

It was resolved that this be referred to the Joint Executive Committee for approval.

37. That Dr. Lippard, Treasurer, be requested to make a full report at the next annual meeting in regard to the medical bills and the budget.

38. Resolved that we approve of Rev. A. J. Stirewalt accepting the position of Treasurer of the Christian Literaure Society, which has been urged upon him, with the provision that he report to the Mission in regard to the approximate amount of his time that the duties of this office will require.

39. That we approve the proposal to give up the present preaching place at Karatsu and take the more advantageous place offered, although this transfer involves losing the guarantee money of ¥150.00.

40. The case of Mr. Sowers. The doctor has advised him to go to the mountains for a complete rest; his condition is such that speedy recovery and ability to engage in his work in the near future can scarcely be expected. The Mission Executive Committee requests Mr. Nielsen to advise directly with the doctors who have examined Mr. Sowers, and act accordingly.

Subsequently, at the time visit of Secretary Dr. Drach in Tokyo, and with his approval, Mr. Sowers engaged passage home to America, physicians' certificates and the judgment of all concerned fully concurring that his physical condition warranted a return.

Ad interim:

41. May 28, 1926. On the request of Rev. Dr. C. K. Lippard, he and Mrs. Lippard with Miss Lois Lippard were granted a year's leave of absence to return to America on account of ill health, with the understanding however that the Mission is free to deal with the station they thus leave vacant in any way that may seem best to the Mission.

Edward T. Horn, Secretary.

REPORT OF KYUSHU GAKUIN

Kyushu Gakuin, in March of this year, completed fifteen years of service for the young men of Japan. This event was not celebrated on a large scale, as this is a comparatively short time, so far as the general public is concerned. However, it was celebrated in a quiet way within the institution, as it gives all of us connected with the school, and the whole Church much pleasure when we realize what Kyushu Gakuin has been accomplishing during the past fifteen years. We would not intimate that we are satisfied with results and pray that much more may be accomplished for the advancement of the Kingdom during the next fifteen years. Dr. Brown and Dr. Toyama began this work and have been largely responsible for the success that has been attained. Dr. Brown was recalled to America five years after the school was opened and Dr. Toyama alone has remained during the full fifteen years to give his best services to the development of this institution. I am sure that the members of the Mission, the Japan Lutheran Church and the home Church rejoice with me that we have such a man as Dr. Toyama to head our Middle School. Let us pray that he may be blessed in this work and given many more years to lead in the development of this our first educational institution in Japan.

Since we last met as a Mission, we have completed one school year and begun another. When we began the new year in April we rejoiced to welcome into the educational work our sister institution, Kyushu Jo Gakuin. We trust that our Jo Gakuin may be able to do as much, or even more, for the young ladies of Japan than Kyushu Gakuin has been able to do for the young men and we pray that this school may be greatly blessed in this most important work for the young ladies of this country. At the end of the school year in March, we graduated the largest class in our history, one hundred and one. Of this number, two, Iseri San and Yano San, entered our Theological Seminary at Tokyo. We were most pleased to have these two young men enter the Seminary as they both are consecrated young men, they stood high in their class and were leaders among the students. They both give promise of making fine men and we believe that they will make good during their Seminary course. Two others from this class, Kitakoga San and Oniki San, are taking higher courses at the Butsuri Gakko, Tokyo and Waseda University preparing to become teachers at Kyushu Gakuin in the scientific and Chinese-Japanese departments. These boys are both Christians and as it is very difficult to fill these departments with Christian teachers we feel the necessity of training our own teachers when possible.

In April there were 249 applicants for admission and of this number 144 were admitted, which gives us a total enrollment of 676. The

number of applicants was less than the year before, but this is not discouraging as there were many of the government schools that showed a decrease in the number of applicants this year. The number of schools of our grade in the district having been greatly increased, it is doubtful whether we wll ever have as large a number of applicants as during some of the former years. Financial depression among the farming population also helps to account for a falling off in the number of applicants.

There have been some changes in the faculty during the past year that should be mentioned. Rev. L. G. Gray having completed almost five years of service returned to American on furlough. Mr. Gray's years of service are much appreciated as he was a conscientious teacher and active worker and left many friends at the school and among the graduates. Rev. Kosaka has now been with us for one year and has been quite an addition to our teaching force in the English Department and in the religious work of the institution. He has also been able to help much with the music. Mr. Fujita, who had been with us since the founding of Kyushu Gakuin, was released at his own request in order to continue his studies in Tokyo. Mr. Fujita was at the head of the History—Geography Department and was a very valuable man. Mr. M. Takahashi who had been with us almost from the beginning of the work was compelled to resign during the past year on account of long and serious illness. Mr. Takahashi before coming to the school had also served in the Mission for several years as an evangelist. Also, Mr. Narumi, teacher of Chinese, who had been with us for about thirteen years, was compelled to resign because of long illness. The past year has thus marked the loss of three of our oldest teachers. These three men are especially mentioned as they were known to many members of the Mission.

To fill the place left vacant by Rev. Gray's return to America, the Zaidan asked for Rev. George W. Schillinger of Saga and he was duly appointed. Rev. Schillinger began his work at the school with the beginning of the new school year in April. Vacancies caused by the resignation of Japanese teachers have all been filled.

On Oct. 30th, 1925 the Brown Memorial Chapel was dedicated. We had been waiting for many years for this building as it was a very great need. Fifteen years had passed without a Chapel, so it is needless to say that our hearts were overjoyed when the time actually came for its dedication. The building is churchly in appearance, constructed of reinforced concrete with a seating capacity of about 1,000, but as the building has been seen by almost every member of the Mission it is needless to describe it more in detail. We are truly thankful to the Board and home Church for making such a building possible as a memorial to such a man as Dr. C. L. Brown. The Board authorized $35,000. for this memorial.

The total cost of the building completed in every respect with all furnishings amounted to $34,355., or ¥86,756.07. Mr. C. Seki, the contractor, has done a fine piece of work on this building and should be congratulated on his success.

Since the completion of the building, Mrs. Anna H. Mueller of Fremont, Neb., thru the kindness of Mrs. E. C. Cronk, has sent us for the Chapel from America a Hinners organ, a good instrument with sweet tone and good volume. Also, the ladies of South Carolina thru the efforts of their President, Mrs. M. O. J. Kreps, sent as a special memorial to Dr. Brown a church bell from the Meneely Bell Company of Troy, N. Y. This bell is now in place and was consecrated at the morning service on June 27th. It measures seventeen inches in diameter, weighs one hundred pounds and has a good tone. It is an inspiration to hear this bell calling us to service every Sunday.

From the time we dedicated the Chapel last fall we began our regular morning chapel service for the student body, as had been looked forward to for many years. This service is held between the first and second class periods lasting for fifteen to twenty minutes and is attended by the faculty and entire student body. So far as we know, there have been no expressions of dissatisfaction with such a service, but on the contrary, it seems to be appreciated by the great majority and is carried on with much interest. Each day there is hymn singing, scripture reading, a brief talk based on the Scripture lesson for the day and prayer. A service of this kind necessarily adds much to the religious life of the institution and in the course of the five years at Kyushu Gakuin the boys will necessarily get much that will prove a blessing to them. Also, from time to time special evangelistic services have been held for the student body and at such times the Chapel has proved a great help.

As reported last year, regular religious instruction in the class rooms is being given, one hour a week for each class. Other religious work in the form of Bible Classes, prayer services etc. have been carried on as usual. At the time of graduation this year there were about 93 of the students who had been baptized. It is interesting to know that the Gospel call comes to the students thru what they are getting from day to day in ways that we do not know about at the time. It was interesting to find this out at time of graduation this year when there were three or four of the graduating students who asked to be baptized before leaving. Then during the winter when typhoid was so bad in Kumamoto, one of our good Christian students died, the only student we lost at that time, and it seemed that his Christian death and funeral had quite an effect on a number of his friends. Just now we have one of our fifth year boys very ill with tuberculosis and can hardly last many days. We had visited him a number of times and several weeks ago while reading the Bible

and having a prayer with him his mother and father were both in the room. The parents are Buddhists, and the mother after prayer in a very nice way said that she had told her son that he ought to be praying every morning to Buddha, but that he had replied that he could not do that as he was a Christian and prayed as the Christians. This boy had thus come to consider himself a Christian because of what he had learned at Kyushu Gakuin, tho he had not been baptized. The next day he was baptized there on his bed and the service seemed to bring him real joy, and I believe joy too to the mother and father as they had been receiving the benefit of the Bible readings.

We can not speak too highly of the pleasure and benefit received from the visit of our Secretary, Dr. Drach, and also from the presence with us of the members of the Mission and Nenkwai at the time of the Conference while Dr. Drach was with us. Dr. Drach and all brought an inspiration to the members of the faculty and the students which will remain with us and is bearing fruit. We hope that such a conference can be again held in our midst some time in the future.

There is one special need that I would like to mention at this time, a new science building. We are greatly handicapped in this department because our equipment is not satisfactory to meet our needs. The government schools have added greatly to their equipment in this department during the past few years until they have left us considerably behind. If we are to meet the demands it will be necessary for us to put about twenty five thousand yen into a new building and equipment. We trust that this building can be provided for within the next few years for it is an immediate need. While with us, Dr. Drach said without hesitation that we need such a building and that he does not see how it will be possible to do the work satisfactorily without it.

In conclusion I would like to report that the resolution referred to the Zaidan by the Mission last year were acted on by the Zaidan in session in January, all members being present. The following actions were taken:

On item (1) from the Mission, the Zaidan voted to incorporate in the school's catalogue the following section from the article of incorporation of the Zaidan giving the object of the school, "The object of the Hojin is the establishment and maintenance of Kyushu Gakuin for the carrying on of common and higher education upon Christian principles." On item (2) the following action was taken: "Resolved, that we recommend to the Mission that in view of the fact that Christian instruction is being given regularly one hour a week to each class, the Zaidan, after careful consideration of the subject does not consider it advisable to unduly press the request for a change in the wording of the curriculum.

On items (3) and (4) the Zaidan voted that in view of the fact that these requests are in accordance with what is already being done at the school no further action is considered necessary." Again asking for your prayer and co-operation in the work at Kyushu Gakuin, this report is respectfully submitted.

L. S. G. Miller.

REPORT OF KYUSHU JOGAKUIN
(JANICE JAMES SCHOOL)
1926.

God in His goodness has heard the prayers of many hearts and rewarded the labors of many hands in His gift of Kyushu Jogakuin. It is more than the composite of brick and stone and mortar, more than the translation of blue prints to beautiful buildings, more than the realization of our highest hopes and best plans for it. "Now unto him that is able to do exceeding abundantly above all that we ask or think, according to the power that worketh in us, unto him be the glory in the church and in Christ Jesus unto all generations for ever and ever."

It is my responsibility to report for the school and not for the Building Committee but after reviewing in my mind the past ten months I think it is highly appropriate to give place here to an expression of appreciation of the work of the Building Committee. It is the work of Rev. E. T. Horn, representing the Building Committee, which has made possible the successful completion of our building program within contract time and practically within the original appropriation for the same. Four months of use have proven the buildings thoroly satisfactory. Noisiness was feared but has not been experienced even during the hot weeks while hall doors and windows have been open. The chapel acoustics were corrected at a reasonable figure. The building has been cool and the lighting quite satisfactory. Next winter will be a test of the heating plant, tho a trial in March seemed to indicate satisfaction.

The fame of the plant seems to have gone out far and wide over the country. We have had an almost continuous procession, so to speak, of interested visitors—school principals and teachers, architects, newspaper men, officials, and public spirited men and women in general. The interest and admiration of our visitors has been so genuine that we have mimeographed for their use the floor plans of the main building and of the dormitory which seems to particularly appeal to people as an ideal arrangement. Of course our view of fields, mountains and sky enhances the beauty of the buildings. It is wonderful to have inherited all these

with our nine fine acres. And those of us who go in and out there daily have not ceased to marvel at the loveliness that surrounds us.

I hesitate to undertake to report the work of a school which has barely begun, but at the same time I can not refrain from doing so. Let me speak of the faculty, students and of the various phases of development within the school.

We have been on the whole very fortunate in the selection of our faculty tho one of our best teachers resigned at the end of this term on account of ill health. All but two of our twelve teachers are licensed and all are to judge from our experience thoroly earnest and efficient. Eight of us are Christian while three others are regular attendants at Church and Sunday School, and show real interest. The other is a part time teacher who comes but twice a week. They all co-operate gladly in the various activities of the School. Our bi-weekly faculty meetings are preceded by a praper service led by the various teachers in turn. Prof. Murakami as Vice-Principal has rendered invaluable service.

Seventy students were selected from ninety applicants by competitive examinations, academic and physical. There were among these a good number of first rate girls, who made our school first choice and did not take the entrance examinations of other schools. They have been quite responsive on the whole and we think them a fine group of girls. They represent seven Christian homes while one other is a baptized Christian. Sixty-two are non-Christian. With the exception of one girl from Taiwan (Formosa) all are from Kumamoto Prefecture. Thirteen are in our dormitory while forty-two come from the city and fifteen from the country daily. Among the forty-two girls above mentioned twelve are country girls boarding with city relatives. We expect to have sixteen in the dormitory from the Fall. I may say that the dormitory health and happiness record has been practically perfect. We have given special attention to the health of the whole student body with splendid results. The school doctor has given two careful examinations besides the entrance examination. About half the girls were more or less under-nourished and were advised to drink milk. The parents of thirty girls responded gladly to our offer to order the milk delivered at the school and are rewarded by brighter-eyed and brighter-cheeked daughters. About half the girls have been suffering from trachoma and various kinds of conjunctivitis. An eye specialist has been engaged, and a nurse comes daily to give them treatments—this at their own expense. Quite a number have been cured while an equal number of new cases have developed. New and strenuous measures will be taken from the Fall to prevent this infection if possible. Besides this we have health lectures twice a month by a fine Christian doctor, and these have been very valuable. We believe the best intellectual and spiritual development is possible only in conjunction with

the best possible physical condition. We hope that not only failures and losses on account of health will be avoided but that the whole level of school efficiency will be higher. In addition we count attention to these health matters as important items in the practical education of the girls. A simple but becoming uniform has been adopted to insure hygienic dress. The equipment of the gymnasium and playground is very incomplete but space and fresh air are not lacking.

Our music department has been very popular so far with more applicants for individual lessons than one teacher with four pianos and two organs and the odds and ends of time left over from a full schedule, can accommodate. Miss Harder who is to arrive in Japan this autumn will find a field ripe for her efforts when she reaches Kumamoto.

We think we are fortunate to be able to start our English department with thoroly up-to-date methods, and believe that results will show more than ordinary progress, tho Miss Potts says it is still too early to judge the new system fairly.

The specifically religious work of the school during the first term must of course be very gradual and comparatively simple. Two hours a week of Bible, following in general, a course prepared by a C.M.S. missionary in India especially for high school students with no previous Christian training or experience, seems to be satisfactory. Daily worship periods are brief but profitable to a high degree, I believe. Prepared Bible readings on selected weekly topics and ten-minute talks by Christian teachers in turn, with hymns and prayer make up our daily program.

The Christian atmosphere of the dormitory, measures up, we believe, to the highest hopes of any of us.

We made the best selection possible of Christian literature to lend to all the girls for Summer reading. They were quite enthusiastic over the books. We are also putting all possible emphasis on making personal contacts thro visits in the homes.

An average of thirty-three girls attend the School Sunday School regularly while the average attendance at Church service has been only twenty-one including dormitory girls. Besides our own girls an average of forty children from the neighborhood attend the School Sunday School. Further religious organization and activity will be undertaken during the year.

We will appreciate constructive criticism of our work from any quarter, and ask for your continued interest and prayers for this our common task.

Respectfully submitted,

Martha B. Akard.

KYUSHU JO GAKUIN BUDGET.

1927.

Estimated Income:

From Tuition Fees (134)	¥ 7,370.00	
Entrance Examination Fees	200.00	
Admission Fees	70.00	
Dormitory Fees	550.00	
Piano Fees	1,000.00	
Organ Fees	220.00	
Requested from Women's Miss'y Society	19,495.00	
	¥ 28,905.00	

Estimated Expenses:

Salaries		¥ 16,000.00
Bonuses at end of year		320.00
Heat and light		625.00
Telephone		125.00
Printing and advertising		400.00
Furniture		650.00
Other Equipment		500.00
Repairs		500.00
Teachers' Pension Fund		1,000.00
Insurance		245.00
Water Rent		175.00
Taxes		50.00
Travel		500.00
School Physicians		300.00
Improvement of Grounds		1,000.00
Scholarships		275.00
Books and Magazines		1,500.00
Departments:		
English	¥ 50.00	
Geography and History	100.00	
Mathematics	100.00	
Domestic Science	665.00	
Natural Science	100.00	
Physical Education	200.00	
Art	1,500.00	
Religious Education	775.00	
		3,740.00
Miscellaneous and Emergency		1,000.00
Total		28,905.00

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE JAPAN LUTHERAN THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY

I. THE PAST.

Nearly one year has passed since the Seminary work was opened in our new location. It has been a good year. Harmony has marked all our relationships within the school. All the teachers and all the students have been in good health all the time, and the work has been carried on regularly. The quiet and natural beauty of our surroundings have added to the joy of our daily tasks.

In April, at the beginning of the new year, three new students were admitted. Two of these came from Kyushu Gakuin and both were leaders of their classes. They are very fine young men, and we are happy to have them. The third came from the Osaki Church. He is somewhat older than the others and has had very varied eperience in life, having once been on the point of gaining a fortune, but finally lost all. This experience has left him with a strong sense of the vanity of all earthly things and by contrast a keen appreciation of spiritual values. The three new students are all graduates of Middle School.

Our observation is that the students have all been gaining in depth of purpose and a fuller realization of the seriousness of their calling. This has, thru prayer and a study of the Word, led to growth in faith and spiritual life. The teachers have constantly emphasized the need of real soul-preparedness thru vital relationship with Christ and pointed out the utter inadequacy of mere knowledge for the work of soul-winning.

The students have been given practical work in connection with a Sunday School and a class for young men in the Seminary; a second Sunday School in Asagaya, and our Preaching Place in Nakano. These forms of work have met with about the usual number of encouragements and disappointments—both of which form a necessary part of the students' training.

Our twelve students have, half jokingly, been named the "Twelve Minor Prophets." While we all realize that the 'minor' is the most outstanding feature in this title, we who know them best do in very fact have great hopes for these twelve young men. At least one-third of their number shows signs of budding leadership, and some of them will undoubtedly some day play a prominent part in our Church. One or two or them have caused us a bit of anxiety, but these are also improving.

As we look back we are very thankful for the past year. We are grateful for the Divine blessings that have been ours.

About the middle of March this year the Rev. John K. Linn left his work at the Seminary to return to America on regular furlough, but we are expecting him to again take up his work here from the Fall of 1927. The last word that has come to us from Mr. Linn and his family was written from Jerusalem. This must be a great place for anybody to visit, but especially for a teacher of the New Testament.

Rev. Edward T. Horn has been called to the Seminary for the remainder of his present term on the field, and we appreciate his services very much.

Our Seminary has now been fully recognized by the Mombusho as a Semmongakko, and has thus entered upon a separate existence, under the Kyushu Gakuin Zaidan.

The Scholarship plan has worked out to great satisfaction. It is giving the students good training in "making ends meet"—also a part of their preparation for the future.

II. THE PRESENT.

While we all act in the eternal present, our minds are mostly occupied either with the past or with the future. As for the present in connection with our Seminary work, we have only one earnest request: that you will be kind enough to give us time and opportunity to prove ourselves. We are still very young in our present form of organization. Only time will show whether or not our Seminary is a working organization. May we ask for more prayers and more sympathetic constructive criticism. No negative attitude toward our work will bring about the desired results. We have no ideal Seminary in any sense of the word. But our present has grown out of a past which was not always one of the highest idealism. Let us thank God for what we have at present and press on to greater things.

III. THE FUTURE.

In a certain real sense, the future belongs only to God—a fact which makes us work with perfect confidence. Yet in an equally real sense, God has placed the future in our hands—a fact which should fill us with deep humility and a sense of great responsibility. Unless we pray on and plan on and dream on, all progress will quickly settle down into a state of stagnation. Stagnation always means retrogression. A wholesome spirit of unrest and dissatisfaction is the mark of every progressive human undertaking. God accomplishes His eternal purposes thru an endless series of changes. So we have not and cannot settle down to any feeling of easy satisfaction with our present small beginning. We shall

give ourselves no rest till a theological school, second to none in the Far East, has been established in a strategic centre of this great city---a school which shall be in a position to meet all the demands of our Church of the future for theological and Bible training in a thoroughly adequate way. Our dream about a Christian College received a bit of a blow at Kumamoto, but it has not vanished—tho its objective is now the BEST THEOLOGICAL COLLEGE IN THE FAR EAST. If we only dream on and work on and take advantage of the best opportunities before us all along the way, our dreams shall some day become a reality, and our Lutheran Church in Japan shall no more follow, but lead the way. God grant that we may ever be faithful in the small things! Then the great day shall come when by His Divine Grace we shall be led into greater things. We are ambitious to establish a Christo-centric and Biblio-centric theological school. With Christ and the Bible in the CENTRE, we are unafraid as we face all kinds of theological problems, knowing that, while theories vary with every age, the Centre remains unmoved and unmovable. As you look to the Seminary to train good men for the Ministry, so the Seminary looks to you for your supporting prayers and sympathetic attitude towards its work.

Yours in the Service of Christ,

J. P. Nielsen, President.

APPENDIX

Financial Statement

Cost of Land, Including Registration and other fees		46,390.73	
Students' Dormitory Building		30,000.00	
President's house		15,000.00	
Students' Dormitory Furnishing:			
20 Tables for Students' Rooms	¥220.00		
12 Tables for Library and Dining Rm	407.00		
80 Chairs	680.00		
2 Special Chairs	24.60		
20 Iron Beds and Mattresses	854.00		
Cartage on Tables, Chairs, and Beds.	44.00		
Book Cases for Library	130.00		
Other Furnishings	104.60	2,464.20	
Two Doors, Sky-light, and Floor Stain (extra)		137.00	
Kitchen Furnishings		106.20	
Water Supply System		1,824.65	
Sewer Piping		315.00	
Wood and Coal Shed		189.50	
Stove Pipes, Door Bells, Window Shields		206.67	
Fences and Gates		4,243.50	
Roads and Walks		854.10	
Planting Trees and Grass		824.15	
Plans and Blue Prints		250.00	
To Land Renters and Neighbors		65.25	
Special to Workmen		415.66	
Fire Extinguishers		143.40	
President's House Furnace and Extras		1,299.20	
From Board for Land $18,000 at 39 1/8			46,006.38
" " for Buildings to date			42,048.34
Due from Board 1926 $2,500.00 (estimated at)			5,300.00
Gifts from Missionaries and Japanese Churches.			984.29
Bank's Interest			79.20
		¥ 104,729.21	94,418.21
TOTAL PRESENT DEFICIT		¥	10,311.00
		¥ 104.729.21	

Respectfully submitted,

J. P. Nielsen,
President.

WOMAN'S WORK COMMITTEE REPORT

The Committee gives first place on this report to an expression of praise and thanksgiving to God for the realization of its hopes and prayers of years in the opening of the Janice James School on April 10th, 1926. They pray that His spirit may continue to bless and guide the school in its development.

We wish to report the return of Miss Akard in September, 1925, and Miss Potts in March, 1926, to their respective posts in the Girls School.

The furlough of Miss Reba Hendrickson was granted by the Foreign Mission Board in December, 1925. She will leave Japan within a month to return to America via India, Palestine, and Europe. We wish her a pleasant journey and a happy and profitable furlough.

We rejoice with Misses Faith Lippard and Amy Thoren who have completed with high merit their first year's language work in the Kobe and Tokyo Schools respectively.

We have special cause for rejoicing in the coming in the near future of new laborers to our field. Miss Martha Harder comes as a thoroughly trained music teacher for the Janice James' School. Miss Grace Marion Beers comes to our work with nurse's, normal, and Bible training.

We wish to announce the following items in regard to kindergarten teachers and women evangelists:

Kanemori Mitsuko San, after two years of work in the Ogi and Kurume Kindergartens, was married to our Saga pastor, Rev. K. Watanabe, March 15th of this year.

Kakei Misa San has been transferred after several months of illness, from Kurume Kindergarten to evangelistic work in Fukuoka.

It was recommended, in anticipation of Miss Hendrickson's furlough and in consideration of the need of the Ogi and Saga field, that Inui Cho San be transferred to this field for evangelistic work.

Kondo Yasuko San and Tomioka Yoneko San graduated in June from Shoei Kindergarten Training School, Kobe, and according to previous appointment, will begin work in the Kurume and Saga Kindergartens, respectively, from September. Both girls have been commended by the Training School and we look to them for good service.

Especially good reports have come concerning the work of the two girls, Imai San and Katsuki San, now in Lambuth Kindergarten Training School, Osaka.

The approaching furlough of Miss Hendrickson and the marriage of Takeda San, the kindergarten teacher, necessitated closing the Yochikai carried on in Miss Hendrickson's home.

In response to the request of the Light Brigade in America for the privilege of supporting a kindergarten in Japan, the Committee asked the men's work to grant the lot on Komeya Machi, Saga, to the Women's Work for such a kindergarten and appointed Misses Annie Powlas and Helen Shirk to draw up plans for the same.

Miss Annie Powlas' request for permission to draw up plans for a home for single missionary and Japanese workers as an annex to the Saga kindergarten building was granted and plans were approved by the Committee and passed on to the property committee. The project, cost about ¥2700.00, is to be financed by the use of ¥2100.00, previously granted for the purpose by the Mission, plus ¥500.00, to be realized by the sale of the old teachers' house.

Miss Helen Shirk was allowed to enlarge the Hakata Kindergarten at a cost of ¥629.00 raised by Kindergarten graduates and mothers. She was also allowed to build a room for janitor and a waiting room for servants at a cost of ¥650.00, also to be raised by the Kindergarten mothers. All this building to be completed by the first of September.

The following resolutions in regard to qualifications of single women missionaries, referred back to this committee last year for editing, were finally passed in the following form; and were reported thru the proper channels to the Foreign Mission Board and the Woman's Missionary Society:

1. That women workers for Japan be women with college training or its equivalent. That nervous stability, good common sense, and spiritual qualifications, be emphasized.
2. That the need for women for the evangelistic field, be especially emphasized now, since this field is almost depleted and since the educational work and social service work, are likely to make emergency demands upon it.
3. That, in view of the continuous demands of the various stations for kindergarten work, kindergarten teachers be sent out as rapidly as possible, and that they be graduates of recognized training schools and have some training in religious education.
4. That new emphasis be placed upon the growing demands of our social service work, both in Tokyo and in Kumamoto. Perhaps it is unnecessary to point out that initiative, and administrative ability are important qualifications for workers in this field. We assume here as elsewhere professional training which might include some degree of nurse's training.

5. We re-emphasize the needs of the Girls' School.
   a. A teacher for piano and chorus.
   b. A physical education director.
   c. A domestic science teacher.
   d. And in anticipation of the opening of the kindergarten and Bible Training Schools, women who would be able to organize these departments should be sent as soon as possible to the field.

   As we have tried to make our demands and standards as definite as possible, we would point out the fact that the difficulties of language and of adjustment of life on the field may defer the appointment of any worker to any particular phase of the work for which she may have special preparation.

RESOLUTIONS:

1. That in view of the return of Dr. and Mrs. C. K. Lippard to America, Miss Faith Lippard be transferred from the Kobe to the Tokyo Language School. (Amended)

2. That Miss Harder and Miss Beers attend the Matsumiya Language School. (Amended)

3. That the Board be petitioned to grant Miss Helen Shirk's furlough, which will fall due next year, and also her request that her furlough be extended to one year and a half, beginning in March, for the purpose of securing adequate training for continued service in kindergarten work in Japan. (Approved)

4. That Miss Faith Lippard be appointed as English teacher to Kyushu Jo Gakuin from April 1927, in response to the request of the school committee. (Amended)

5. That in view of the growth and importance of the Kumamoto field and the need for a woman worker for the city and country evangelistic work, Miss Amy Thoren, be appointed to the Kumamoto evangelistic field upon her graduation from Language School next year. (Amended)

6. That a joint committee from the Japanese and Mission chambers be appointed to study with the Jiaien Committee the problem of establishing an institution for feeble minded or for both feeble minded and insane, this committee to report at our next annual meeting.

Respectfully submitted.

Martha B. Akard, *Chairman.*
Helen, M. Shirk.
Annie Powlas.

REPORT OF THE COLONY OF MERCY.
(Ji-Ai-En) 1926.

There is of necessity in an institution such as the Ji-Ai-En so much routine that does not change appreciably from year to year, that if I should write a report of the work done during this past year you might be inclined to think I was reading last year's report. I think, however, we can boast a bit more excitement during this past year than any year in the history of the institution, having required the services of the police several times to quiet our Family. I shall refer to this matter later.

CHILDREN' WORK.

We have taken in nine children during the year and turned away several times that many. Many a time I felt very keenly that it would have been well to take them in also, but our buildings were so crowded that it did not seem wise to take in any who could be cared for in any other way. Eleven of the twenty-two children are now in school. We started a kindergarten for the smaller children, but Nonaka San has had so many duties outside that she has not been able to keep it up. I am impatiently awaiting the time when we shall be able to have trained teachers or at least women of more culture to rear our children. When one hears the echoes of illiteracy and even actual heathenism among our children it starts one to thinking soberly as to our reasons for taking in children. I wish that our Rescue Building might be set apart for women only and that when it is necessary to take in unfortunate women they might be given work there, and not be exalted to the high position of rearing our children.

OLD PEOPLE'S WORK.

For our old people's work we also need a woman full of sympathy and love for old and afflicted ones. Our religious work can never make progress under the present system. There never was a truer saying than Paul's, "Though I speak with the tongues of men and of angels and have not love I am become as sounding brass or a tinkling cymbal." We have taken in three old men during the year; two men have died, and two women have left the institution to seek better hospitality.

IMPROVEMENTS.

A number of improvements of a more or less permanent nature have been made during the year. A mausoleum for the burial of the dead was built at the cost of one thousand yen. This proves a great comfort to the old people of the institution, for to many of them that was their

one care in life: what should become of their bodies when they were dead. Children's playground equipment was installed: it is hard to say which have derived more benefit from this investment, the children or their caretakers, for the children amuse themselves on the swings and slides most of the day.

More than three hundred fruit trees comprising every variety of fruit that the agricultural station has found productive on our land were set out. Forty-three tsubo of land by our main entrance, which we feared might become a place of nuisance to us later, were bought at a cost of five hundred yen. At last a great red fence encircles us, and a majestic gate stands to guide our wayward feet lest we go in and out by unseemly paths. I said "encircles," but there are a few gaps that stand ajar because some of our neighbors wished to test the generosity of Christians by making unreasonable demands regarding the boundary line.

FRIENDS OF THE INSTITUTION.

With the exception of the little border-line trouble, we have received nothing but evidences of friendship and respect from those about us. The attitude of the village people has undergone a complete change. The first few months I lived out there before going on furlough were made very unpleasant by the evidenced hostility of the villagers, but now, instead of taking advantage of us on every side, they frequently drop in to help us. The teachers from the Agricultural School have taken quite an interest in the farm and have given us valuable aid through their advice and personal supervision. They have also given us free use of their horses for plowing our grounds, and access to their plant-beds when they are through with them. Two of the village teachers spend their holidays and evenings working a plot of the Ji-Ai-En land, raising vegetables for our children. One plot of the land is being used as an experiment station by the new Agricultural Department added to our village school this spring. It will be farmed under the supervision of the agricultural teachers, and the vegetables go toward the support of our Children's Home. One man of considerable standing in the village whom we consulted about teaching our old people and children to farm has spent several days each week working our farm. His reply in reference to his wages is, "I have never been guilty of taking rice out of the mouths of orphan children." Just before coming away I succeeded in getting him to make a one year experiment of farming the whole tract of land with the agreement that he was to raise all vegetables the institution could use both summer and winter, and sell the surplus for his wages. While this is only an experiment, I am hoping that it may be working toward our ideal of self-support.

GIRLS' RESCUE WORK.

Unfortunately the girls' rescue work had to be closed during my furlough. It was decided last year for various reasons that that work should not be reopened during this year, but the crying need has forced us to take a small part in this work. A work like this cannot be put on and taken off as one would a coat. I question whether an institution has a right to close its doors to such tremendous need. The cases which we have been forced to handle are as follows:—

Three girls, nieces of one of our pastors, were found stranded in a cheap hotel in Kumamoto, living a very questionable life. After their mother's death the older sister had tried many ways of supporting herself, her half-witted sister, and a seven-year old sister, but her plans were brought to naught each time by the feeble-minded sister selling or giving away everything they had. We put the little girl in the orphans' home, and took the other two girls in the rescue home. This building has of necessity been used as an overflow building for our orphans' home: this, though these questionable characters must be the daily associates for our older girls; and not only were these their daily associates, but they staged a daily fight for the benefit of all who wished to witness it or join in. We put the older girl out to work, and tried every conceivable plan to make the feeble-minded girl fit into our daily life, but she became so unruly that we were forced to call a policeman to quiet her. After a few visits, the policeman lost patience and told her she must get out. I could only ask him where she would go. I knew as well as, or perhaps better than, he, that we were not prepared to handle such cases, and yet I knew that it was not right to turn a feeble-minded girl out upon the world with no place to lay her head, and no one to look to for her next meal. We appealed to the city and also to the Prefecture to help us do something for such people. They considered our request enough to report it to a newspaper three days later, saying that their heads had been made to ache by the force of our plea and the great need of the work. I am sure that your heads and hearts too have been made to ache many times by seeing the insane sleeping under bridges or in little dugouts, or being jeered at by the boys and even men and women as they scramble for their food.

May I ask you to consider two points on this question: First, would it not be a wonderful example of Christ's love to show how to care for these sick ones, even as Christ Himself cared for them? Secondly, how far may be pledge our support to work with the city authorities to prevent their shutting these people up in little dark rooms? They suggested complying with our request for help by building their usual

pens or dark rooms. But I told them please to refrain from doing anything. I believe they will give us grounds and buildings if we can pledge support. Can we do it? May we put such a proposition to them?

Other rescue cases. Hanada San was found back in the old life once again because she could not support herself and two children, paying house rent, school tuition, and so forth, by sewing. Since then, she has been given the job of caring for the old people and has been making good.

The police appealed to us to save a girl from a prostitute house. We kept her for a few weeks and returned her to her parents in Kobe. Two girls were taken in from the Tokyo home and given work. The younger one said to me a few days ago, "I expect I should have been sold for a geisha if it had not been for the Ji-Ai-En." Another girl being sold for thirty-two yen was saved by our paying the thirty-two yen debt. She is being placed as a servant. Two of our neighbor girls were sold by their uncle. Their father appealed to us for help. This case is being handled now.

Since Nagasaki City has closed two of its worst prostitute houses, we have had several requests to take in women and try to give them another chance. Kumamoto is now making investigation preparatory to closing the worst of its prostitute houses. They have appealed to the W.C.T.U. to help them close these houses, and they have asked the Ji-Ai-En, what shall we do with the girls? I pass the question on to you: what shall we do with the girls? We have worked and prayed that the government might get its eyes open to the tremendous evil of its prostitute system, and now when we see our prayers being answered and the government appealing to the Christian Church to help them stop this terrible system—so terrible that even the government realizes that it cannot stop it alone—can we, I say, *dare we,* stop now?

I ask you to consider most carefully the accompanying resolutions:

Respectfully submitted,

Signed: Maud Powlas.

RESOLUTIONS ON JI-AI-EN REPORT.

We, the undersigned members of the Ji-Ai-En Committee here present at Arima would like to offer the following recommendations:—

1. That Miss Annie Powlas be appointed as resident head of the Children's Department of the Institution. (Adopted)

2. As the present committee constituted of five missionaries and three Japanese co-opted members, is found to be too cumbersome, we would recommend that the standing rule concerning this point be changed to read, "Three missionaries and two Japanese co-opted members, all to be residents of Kumamoto." (Adopted)

3. Deeming it wise to re-open the rescue work as soon as possible, we recommend that the necessary steps be taken preparatory to doing so; therefore be it resolved:

   a. That we include in our Budget for 1927, ¥6,500.00 for a home for the children who are now in the Rescue Building.

   b. That the Committee on Ji-Ai-En Work be authorized to find, or if necessary train an appropriate helper for this type of work. (Adopted)

4. We recommend that the Ji-Ai-En Committee be authorized also to solicit funds from the Japanese churches for a much needed baby-ward, and take steps to secure the services of a Christian nurse to take charge of it. (Amended and adopted)

5. We urge that if at all possible a well trained Bible woman be placed in the Ji-Ai-En from September of this year; but that if there is not one available, the Committee be authorized to seek one elsewhere. (Adopted)

6. That those in charge of the Ji-Ai-En work be instructed to investigate the possibility of co-operating with the city authorities in a work for the feeble-minded or for feeble-minded and insane, as a study of the question may prove advisable. (Amended and Adopted)

Signed: L. S. G. Miller
Maud Powlas
Edward T. Horn.

THIRD ANNUAL REPORT OF TOKYO RELIEF WORK.

Within a few months, we will have completed three years of relief work which was occasioned by the Kwanto earthquake. This work, especially at the beginning, necessitated a very considerable amount of work and time. After it became established, and the organization was completed, the time required for it on the part of the local pastor and missionary is much less. We are certain that through these efforts, valuable service has been rendered to those destitute of physical comforts and necessities. We are equally certain that among those who have received assistance for this life, there are a number who have received eternal life, and that there are still more which are gladly receiving the message which leads to life. Persons have been baptized in the work, and among these are some very striking examples of faith as a result of the poor having the Gospel preached to them.

Could this work have been established under normal conditions, and less hurriedly, it could have been done with much less effort, and at a much less cost. But just after the disaster, most abnormal conditions prevailed. No one dared forecast the future of the devastated districts. People were concerned only about the immediate present, and were not their usual selves. They were disturbed, excited, in a state of grief, and demoralized. Martial law prevailed. Values were without standard. As a result of these conditions, our work became very expensive, largely because in less than a year, our provisional Homes had to be given up, and established in new locations, even though the first locations were suggested by the government officials.

The total amount of money expended up to December 31, 1925 is ¥107,165.00. Of this amount, ¥50,688.80 was received from the Japanese government, ¥54.821.06 from our Mission Board as contributions given by our home constituency specifically for earthquake relief service, and ¥1541.54 by individuals, and groups, in, and outside of Japan and the amount of ¥2,733.29 from sale of property, kindergarten tuition and fees. Of the amount expended, considerably more than half was used for land and buildings. It would be difficult to estimate the value of the present buildings, to other people, if sold, but they represent an outlay of about ¥46,000. But the land values could easily be estimated at ¥35.000.

Since January first of this year, by order of our Board, this work is being carried on regular mission budget item. At the end of last year, there still remained in the Board's hands some thousands of dollars given for this purpose. We presume that theoretically, those

remaining funds are being used to finance this item in the budget. Otherwise, our relief work should have a credit on the Board for this amount.

It will be seen from the figures just given, that at the end of 1925, an amount of ¥2,619.69 remained in our hands. Regarding this amount, we have a recommendation to make at the end of this report.

THE OLD PEOPLE'S HOME.

Since our last report which extended to the end of August 1925, there has been no change in conditions in this Home. Things proceed normally, and without any appreciable degree of worry on the administration. In fact, it is a joy to come in contact with these old people who are absloutely dependent on our help and who feel appreciation of it. Good behaviour, contentment, and happiness prevail among them.

During the year, the following four persons have died:
Ota Tetsujiro, aged 71 who died of Chronic Liver Trouble.
Morito Katsu, aged 74 who died of Chronic Liver Trouble.
Kikuchi Yoshi, aged 68 who died of heart trouble.
Murata Hatsu, aged 79 who died of Paralysis.

Six persons have entered and there are now thirty-three in the Home. There are others whose entrance applications are pending.

Daily prayer and Thursday morning regular services are the usual services for these people.

THE HOME FOR WIDOWS WITH CHILDREN.

Here we find very different conditions. The Home is in the slums of the city. Neither the physical nor the moral atmosphere is ideal. Economic and moral questions are constantly arising, and cause no small concern. But the existence of these very conditions led to the establishment of the Home, and the tendency is to regard these abnormal things as normal. At least, we would consider it very unusual, if such ceased to exist.

Since our last report which covered the time up to the end of August of 1925, the Home has accommodated forty-six families with seventy-six children. Eighteen new families entered, and fourteen left the Home. At present, there are twenty-seven families with forty-six children. Among those who left, some found homes with relatives, some of the widows re-married, and some were ordered to leave because of persistent immorality, of one kind or another.

The Day Nursery has accommodated as many as twelve children, at one time, but at present has eight.

The kindergarten has a present enrollment of seventy-six children, with an average attendance of forty-six. The two teachers who came to us in the beginning are still rendering faithful service.

The English Night School which is opened three nights a week has an attendance of twenty young men and boys.

The Sunday morning Sunday School has an attendance of sixty, or more children.

The Sunday morning services are attended by an average of eighteen persons.

The Thursday evening services are supposed to be attended by all the mothers in the Home, but usually duties in behalf of their children prevent the attendance of a few.

We are still seeking a qualified Christian sewing teacher with whom to open up the sewing department through which we believe a large number of young women of the neighborhood could be reached.

We greatly need a Bible Woman to work among the women of the community, as well as among the women of the Home, and have petitioned the Joint Executive Committee to call to this work, Miss Yoshida who until recently was employed in our Osaka work.

One other form of work which comes within the sphere of our opportunity and responsibility is that of a regular pastor. We have good equipment in a most favorable location, in an unoccupied part of the city for regular evangelistic work for the community. All that is lacking is a qualified pastor. We have petitioned the Joint Executive Committee to do its utmost in securing such a worker for this field. If this work could be begun, one of the crowning efforts, and likely one of the crowning results of our work in the slums of the East Side would be realized.

In the Summer of 1924, we were necessitated to close this Home on the Spanish Legation grounds, and open anew on our present location. We are now facing another disturbing factor. The reconstruction of Tokyo involves new and wider streets. These will affect our present property, first, by taking from us about ten percent of our land, without indemnity, and secondly, a reshaping of what remains. This involves giving up some of our buildings and moving the others. But having received city permission to build, the city is supposed to bear the expenses, but there are so many entities, that we feel quite certain that there will be some expenses incurred for which the city makes no provision.

We therefore ask that we be permitted to hold, as provision against such exigencies, the amount of ¥2,619.69 left on hand at the end of 1925.

Respectfully submitted,

A. J. Stirewalt.

REPORT OF THE JOINT EVANGELISTIC COMMITTEE.

The Committee met for organization and planning of the 1925 fall special services the morning after the closing of the Convention in Karuizawa. Three other meetings were held during the year.

The special services in the fall (1925) were held during October and November. The speakers (one or two for each church) were arranged in general by the Committee on the basis of first, second and third choices by the churches. Each church was requested to make an offering towards its local expenses. Some of the offerings were very creditable. No efforts were made to determine results.

In pursuance of the Convention resolution requesting the Committee to take up the matter of educating the churches towards self-support, in November two laymen's conferences were held under the Committee's auspices, at Kurume and Kyoto. At Kurume (in addition to many local members) 37 delegates attended, representing 14 churches, at Kyoto 11 delegates, representing 7 churches. The only clerical persons present were the local pastors and missionaries and members of the Committee. The talks and discussions bore mainly upon self-support and laymen's responsibility, and were attested as being well worthwhile. The expenses of the conferences (Kurume ¥92.26, Kyoto ¥84.80) were paid out of the Committee's budget. But it was decided to have conferences again in November, 1926, to be arranged for and financed by the laymen and their churches. We expect these conferences to produce good results in the line of lay activity and self-support.

During the Lenten season the Committee issued for general distribution in the churches a short Lenten message urging members to read the lessons for the days of Holy Week. According to the Committee's suggestion Holy Week services were held in a number of the churches and encouraging results were reported.

The Committee cooperated with the chairmen of the two conferences in formulating the program of the Conference in Kumamoto in May, and had charge of arrangements, etc. There is no need to report to the Convention the success and value of the Conference, as that has been experienced by all of the members.

We are happy to report that in connection with Dr. Drach's visits to various congregations special evangelistic meetings were held and were among, if not, the best held recently in such places as Karatsu, Omuta, Kurume, Amagi, Ogi and Minamata.

The spring special services were conducted in the same manner as those in the fall, except that the speakers were arranged for by the local pastors and were limited to one man for each church. Quite a number of the churches held their services just before or after the Kumamoto

conference, having pastors from the Eastern conference as speakers, thereby saving on travelling expenses. The total expenses assumed by the Committee's budget amounted to Yen 397.22, as compared to ¥635.50 in the fall.

The Committee has coperated financially in three general evangelistic projects, namely, the Dedicatory services of the Shimonoseki church, the tent dendo at the Omuta exhibition and the Summer Bible school at Aso. The grant to the Omuta dendo was ¥95.36, and to the Summer school ¥50.00.

The Committee begs leave to submit the following recommendations:

1. That the Convention urge the churches, that have not held special services during lent, to hold special Lenten, at least Holy Week, services, for the development of the spiritual life of the members. (Adopted or Amended)

2. That the churches be urged to take special self-denial offerings during Lent, in commemoration of Christ's sufferings, such funds to be used to meet the expenses of the spring special services, so that the Japanese church may be encouraged to bear the responsibility of the evangelistic work. (Adopted)

3. That, to foster the spirit of self-support (a) the Laymen's Conferences be approved by the Convention and the laymen be encouraged to continue the conferences: (Adopted) (b) the Committee be instructed and empowered to arrange with local pastors for a special service once a year, at least, to inform, encouraging and educate the members in the matter of giving and lay activity. (Adopted or Amended)

4. That the annual convention be held in cities where we have churches, during the Spring School in order that many church members may attend, and thereby a more vital church consciousness be fostered. (Not Adopted)

SUPPLEMENTARY REPORT.

In pursance of the 1925 Convention resolution the Joint Evangelistic Committee considered the matter of incorporating the evangelistic library (Dendo Bunko) in the Seminary library.

The Dendo Bunko consists of about 530 volumes. It is now located at Moji and is in charge of the pastor, Mr. Tsuboike. For the past five and a half years an average of 180 books a year have been borrowed by the local members and others. The titles of books have been published in the Ruteru. The annual appropriation has been ¥90.00, which has been used for the purchase of books and shelves, and postage for sending the books.

It is the opinion of the committee that the nature of the Dendo Bunko is quite different from the lending part of the Seminary library, being used for church members and inquirers, and that, if it is advertised more extensively thruout the church, its usefulness will increase.

We, therefore, beg leave to recommend:

1. That the Dendo Bunko be maintained as an educating and evangelizing agency as heretofore.
2. That a committee of two (Japanese and Missionary) living in the same place, or near to each other, be appointed by the Joint Executive Committee to administer the library.
3. That this committee be instructed to advertise the library more widely, and to offer to the churches for periods of two or three months groups of books for lending among the members.
4. That the amount of ¥150.00 be appropriated for the library's budget for 1927.

Respectfully submitted.

Hajime Inadomi, *Chairman.*
Clarence E. Norman, *Secretary.*
D. G. M. Bach.

REPORT OF THE LITERATURE COMMITTEE.
(Translation and Publication)

During the past year the "Passion History" was published, in convenient form, and distributed in time for use at Easter. Each member of your committee has come up to the "So-kai" with assigned but unfinished tasks in hand, e.g. the translation of "Voigts' Dogmatics," The preparation of "An Explanation to the Common Service." The preparation of "The Catechists' Handbook," the translation of the "Augsburg Confession" complete, the writing of tracts on "The Call to the Ministry," "Christian Giving," "self Support," etc. The past year has not been a prolific one in the production of literature, but the need for protracted effort along this line is very great.

Hoping that the next Committee will push production along these lines.

Respectfully submitted,

C. W. Hepner, *Chairman.*
Edward T. Horn.
H. Inadomi, *Secretary.*
Shiro Okuma

REPORT OF SUNDAY SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

The chief question taken up by this committee in the past year has been that of special training for Sunday School workers. To this end the committee made plans for giving the Sunday School teachers from the local churches the opportunity of attending special meetings during the summer of this year. By decision of the Committee of the National Sunday School Commission a summer meeting was planned for Shimonoseki as well as at Karuizawa as heretofore. Your committee regarded this as an opportunity for our workers in western Japan to attend, and at the request of the National Commission contributed Yen 30,00 to the general fund of this meeting. Plans were also made to pay the third class fare of one person from each church in Kyushu to and from this meeting. Notices have been sent out to this effect. This meeting will be held from August 4th to August 11th.

It was decided to give the same opportunity to workers in the eastern conference to attend at Karuizawa from July 27th to August 6th. And notices of a like nature have been sent out to the churches in this conference. The estimated cost to the committee is ¥80.00 in each conference of the church.

At each of these meetings it is planned to use the opportunity afforded and gather the Lutherans attending for a (Kondankai) Conference.

To the Lutheran Summer School at Aso ¥50.00 was contributed by the committee, in view of the fact that many Sunday School teachers hope to reap a special benefit from attending there.

New books have been bought to the extent of ¥60.67 during the year. The books now in the library number 101 volumes. Books loaned out 110, to 73 persons. People from 11 churches have borrowed books.

The committee plans to send out a little Sunday School periodical three or four times a year, in order to pave the way for a regular Sunday School monthly. Your committee thinks this a good way to foster a church consciousness among the children. This will cost about ¥15.00 for each publication of 200 copies.

The pictures received from Mr. J. K. Linn have been made up into sets of O. T. or N. T. with from about 12 to 25 in each set. Some of these have been sent out on request. There are still about ten sets of each left and are at your disposal.

A temporary statement of expenditures is as follows:

Fares to Shimonoseki	¥ 80.00
" " Karuizawa	80.00
Contribution to Shimonoseki	30.00
" " Aso	50.00
New books bought	60.67
Miscellaneous	21.43
Total	¥ 322.10

The Committee requests an appropriation of ¥380.00 for next year as follows:

New books	¥ 50.00
Miscellaneous	20.00
Sunday School Pamphlet	60.00
S. S. Meetings (Half of expenses)	250.00
Total	¥ 380.00

Respectfully

D. G. M. Bach
T. Tsuboike

(Adopted)

REPORT OF MISSION REPRESENTATIVE ON EDITORIAL BOARD OF RUTERU.

Last year the "Nen-kai" requested the "Mission" to elect one of its members "Editor" of the "Ruteru," our own church paper; it being understood that the "Editor" elected by the "nen-kai," and the one chosen by the "Mission" should jointly constitute the head of the editorial staff with equal rights and responsibilities. By this arrangement the Mission has ceased to be merely the financial supporter, and now shares equally with the "Nen-kai," the task of making the "Ruteru" the representative and effective organ of our Japanese Lutheran Church.

The importance of the "Ruteru" can hardly be over-estimated provided it is made representative and widely utilized. By monthly reports, expression of mutual views, and common interests, *the body of the Church* should be more compactly joined together. As an educational agent, sound doctrine, and churchly practice should continue to be clearly set forth within its pages. Thus the pure Gospel, as taught by our beloved Church, is sending its healing streams far beyond our Lutheran fold through the "Ruteru" as an evangelistic agent.

We should not only be a unit in the production of the "Ruteru," but insist that our Pastors and Missionaries use it and circulate it, and look with dissatisfaction and disapproval upon the use of funds for non-Lutheran Church papers to the neglect and disparagment of our own Church organ.

Respectfully submitted,

Editor of RUTERU.
C. W. HEPNER.

(Adopted)

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON EXAMINATION FOR ORDINATION.

No condidates for Ordination have come up this year. Therefore the report of your Committee is very brief.

Respectfully submitted

Examining Committee

C. W. HEPNER.
I. MIURA.
T. CHIGA.
J. P. NIELSEN.

REPORT OF REPRESENTATIVE ON THE CANADIAN ACADEMY ADVISORY BOARD.

In the number and efficiency of the teaching staff enrolment of students, athletics, accomplishment in music, etc. this has been a banner year for the Canadian Academy. The institution is again out-growing its equipment.

At the Spring meeting of the Advisory Board, a plot of several thousand tsubo of land, situated just above the present Administration Building, and available at a reasonable figure, was favorably considered. It is sincerely hoped that funds sufficient to purchase the same will be forth-coming.

While no definite pledge has been made, the growing needs of the Institution, and the high type of service rendered, especially in the education of children of Missionaries, constitute a strong appeal to our continued patronage.

Respectfully submitted,

(Adopted)

C. W. HEPNER.
Rep. Advisory Board of the C. A.

PROPERTY COMMITTEE'S REPORT.

During the year Yen 1,000 was put into rather extensive repairs and alterations of the Mission Home at Shinyashiki, Kumamoto. The kitchen, dining room, and servants' quarters were re-built and a garage was erected.

A new Japanese parsonage was built on the new Church lot in Moji, at a total cost of ¥5,018.09. Of this amount ¥560.00 was paid with money realized thru the sale of the old house on the lot and some old "shoji' and doors. ¥4,000 has been borrowed, and will be refunded on the installment plant with the missionary's house rent, for which reason the missionary family will occupy the house for some years.

The Committee also considered and acted favorably upon alterations to Hakata Kindergarten:

The committee has also considered plans for a Kindergarten Teachers' Home in Saga, but these have not yet been approved.

Respectfully submitted,

J. P. Nielsen,

Edward T. Horn,

L. S. G. Miller.

AUDITORS' REPORT.

We, your auditors for the year 1925—1926, wish to report that we have audited the Treasurer's books twice during the past year and found them in good condition and correct with a few exceptions as noted in the Treasurer's book.

Respectfully submitted,

L. S. G. Miller.

D. G. M. Bach.

REPORT OF THE FURNITURE COMMITTEE.

The new Furniture Committee appointed by the Executive Committee held its first and only meeting at Fukuoka April 18th. At that meeting the committee was reorganized and several minor items of business were transacted. Since that time all business has been transacted by correspondence. It has been concerned chiefly with the purchase of cook stoves, kitchen cabinets and beds and with the storage of household goods. A record is to be found in the files of the committee.

Respectfully submitted

J. A. Linn.
Mrs. S. O. Thorlaksson.
Miss Helen M. Shirk.

REPORT OF THE MISSION REPRESENTATIVE ON THE ADVISORY BOARD OF THE NATIONAL S. S. ASSOCIATION.

Your representative attended one meeting in March of 1926. Representatives from various Conferences of Western Japan were present. Plans were made for the holding of a summer school at Shimonoseki for Sunday-School workers.

Respectfully submitted,

(Signed) D. G. M. Bach.

CONVENTION ACTIONS

The following is a list of actions taken by both Mission and Nenkwai; the numbers of the resolutions are the same in the Minutes of both Chambers.

WELCOME TO CROWN PRINCE OF SWEDEN.

1. That the Japanese Evangelical Lutheran Church welcome the Crown Prince and Princess of Sweden, upon their visit to Japan, in some appropriate manner, to be arranged for by the Joint Executive Committee in co-operation with the National Christian Council.

That the Rev. A. J. Stirewalt be appointed, at the request of the National Christian Council of Japan, to co-operate with them in arranging an appropriate service on the occasion of the visit of their Royal Highnesses, the Crown Prince and Princess of Sweden, in September.

OSAKA LAND AND COOPER MEMORIAL.

2. Inasmuch as a plot of ground comprising approximately 200 *tsubo*, in a favorable location, is available at Osaka, for the sum of Yen-30,000,

Be it resolved that the Board be asked to solicit at once the money reported to be available for this purpose from the J. E. Cooper Estate, and that this site be bought as the J. E. Cooper Memorial; and further.

It is hereby resolved that the Secretary is authorized to send a cablegram to this effect to the Board, urging that, if possible, the money be forwarded at once.

ON HIGHER EDUCATION.

3. Although there is little hope that our Board will be in a position to take any definite action within the next few years in regard to putting on a campaign for the work of higher education in Japan, Dr. George Drach, General Secretary, while in Japan, agreed that educational institutions of a higher grade are an imperative need, and that we should now begin to plan for the same; therefore,

Be it resolved that a Joint Committee of six be elected at this Convention, three from each Chamber, to study the question of Lutheran higher education in Japan and bring in definite recommendations at our next annual convention.

COMMITTEE TO STUDY MINISTERIAL PENSIONS.

4. That a committee of four, two from each Chamber, shall be appointed to make a special study of, and report at the next annual convention on the entire matter of Ministerial Pensions and Retiring Allowances, and shall propose rules for the same; and that the Draft of Rules for Ministerial Pensions and Retiring Allowances submitted by the Rev. I. Miura to the Joint Executive Committee shall constitute a basis for the Committee's investigation of this matter.

KOBE STATION AND DR. LIPPARD.

5. In deference to a very earnest appeal signed by fifteen members of the Kobe Congregation in regard to the Rev. C. K. Lippard, D. D. and his connection with the Kobe Field, the following action was taken:

Resolved, that for the present, and until more definite information is received concerning the health of Dr. Lippard and his Family, no appointment of a successor to the Kobe Field be made; and,

That, for such period as may be necessary, Rev. C. W. Hepner be authorized to act as associate missionary in the Kobe Field.

FURLOUGHS DUE IN 1927.

6. That the Board be requested to grant the following regular furloughs:

From the summer of 1927, of Rev. E. T. Horn and Family; Rev. G. W. Schillinger and Family; Rev. A. C. Knudten and Family.

And of Miss Helen Shirk, from March of 1927, in order that she may arrange for special courses of study.

MISS INUI ASAKO.

7. That Miss Inui Asako be appointed woman evangelist to Ogi in the Saga Field.

CONSOLIDATION IN NAGOYA.

8. That we recommend that at the Nagoya Station the work at Yaba Cho be discontinued, all forces concentrating on the consolidation and upbuilding of a stronger work at one church in Chikusa Machi.

APPOINTMENT OF MR. FUKUYAMA.

9. That upon his graduation from the Theological Seminary in the Spring of 1927, Mr. Fukuyama Takeshi be appointed evangelist to Toyohashi.

TRANSFER OF MR. YOSHIDA.

10. That Evangelist Yoshida be transferred from Hita to Shimonoseki.

TRANSFER OF MR. OKUMA.

11. That Rev. S. Okuma be transferred from Shimonoseki to Hita.

SICK LEAVE TO MR. SHIINA.

12. That we hereby express to Rev. K. Shiina and his Wife sincerest sympathy on account of his continued ill health; that he be hereby granted one year's sick leave on regular salary; and that a Committee consisting of two members of the (new) Joint Executive Committee be appointed as a sub-committee to confer with Mr. Shiina and with medical authorities, and arrange plans for as thorough and effective means of treatment as possible.

EXPENSES OF LAY DELEGATES

13. That, until the revision of the Constitution is accomplished, the Mission agree to defray from the Mission Treasury two-thirds (2/3) of the expenses of travel and entertainment of all duly qualified lay delegates (*seigi-in* only) to the Annual Convention. Proviso: This shall not, however, be applicable to *seigi-in* of independent self-supporting churches, if there be such.

FURNACE AND BELL FOR SHIMONOSEKI CHURCH.

14. That we request the Board to take up the matter of the purchase of a heating-furnace and a bell for the Shimonoseki Church with the Rev. V. W. Bondo, of the Danish Church, who has signified an interest in providing same.

AS RECOMMENDED BY JOINT EVANGELISTIC COMMITTEE.

15. (a) That the Convention urge the churches that have not heretofore held special services during Lent, to hold special Lenten, at least Holy Week, Services, for the development of the spiritual life of the members.

(b) That the churches be urged to take special self-denial offerings during Lent, in commemoration of Christ's sufferings, such funds to be used to meet the expenses of the spring special services, so that the Japanese Church may be encouraged to bear the responsibility of the evangelistic work.

(c) That, to foster the spirit of self-support, (1) the Laymen's Conferences be approved by the Convention and the laymen be encouraged to continue the conferences; and, (2) the Committee be instructed and empowered to arrange with local pastors for a special service once a year, at least, to inform, encourage, and educate the members in the matter of giving and lay activity.

EVANGELISTIC LIBRARY.

16. (a) That the Evangelistic Library ("Dendo Bunko") be maintained as an educating and evangelizing agency as heretofore.

(b) That a Committee of two (one from each Chamber), living in the same place, or near to each other, be appointed by the Joint Executive Committee to administer the Library.

(c) That the Committee be instructed to advertise the Library more widely, and to offer to the churches for periods of two or three months, groups of books for lending among the members.

(d) That the amount of ¥150 be appropriated for the Library's budget for 1927.

EXPRESSION OF THANKS FROM NENKWAI TO BOARD.

17. That the Mission endorse and spread on its Minutes the following expression of appreciation of the visit of the Rev. George Drach, D.D., Secretary, which was voted by the Nenkwai:

Expression of Thanks to the Board of Foreign Missions of The United Lutheran Church in America.

The members of the Nenkwai of the Japanese Lutheran Church at this, its Seventh Annual Convention, do hereby express to the Foreign Mission Board of the United Lutheran Church in America, their most sincere and hearty thanks for the recent visit of the Rev. George Drach, D.D., to Japan.

Dr. Drach, after crossing the broad ocean, treading the coral strands of India, visiting war-stricken China, set foot at length on our Japanese shores, and made personal investigation of all our stations from one end of the field to the other.

During his stay here, Dr. Drach mingled in the most intimate way with us, and made every effort to understand the spirit of our people. Day and night, wherever opportunity afforded, in the various places, by his earnest and able presentation of the Gospel, his great zeal and untiring exertions, he has not only given a great inspiration to our church, but by his contacts in our homes, around our family boards, by his broad

interest, his intelligent and courteous attitude toward things Japanese, he has left most pleasant memories and impressions that tend to a better understanding between Japan and America.

Through Dr. Drach also a warmer feeling toward the Board of Foreign Missions has been fostered, and we believe an increased interest on the part of the Board will result. In this way, our Japanese Church, now struggling toward self-support, has been greatly stimulated to redouble its efforts along all lines.

We recognize with joy and gratitude the blessing of God upon Dr. Drach's visit, and unite our prayers for him and the other Members of the Board of Foreign Missions.

We sincerely hope that in the future, at least every five years, a representative of the Board may continue to favor us with such a visit.

Repeating our expressions of gratitude and hope, we are most sincerely,

MEMBERS OF THE NENKWAI OF THE EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH IN JAPAN,

Arima, Japan, July, 1926.

(Signed) Takimoto Kokichiro, Chairman.

MISS YOSHIDA TERUKO TO TOKYO.

18. That in accordance with the request of Rev. A. J. Stirewalt and Rev. D. Honda, Miss Yoshida Teruko, woman evangelist formerly at Osaka, be transferred to Tokyo to work under their supervision, and that she be supported from the Men's Evangelisic Budget.

MAKING PASTOR'S MUTUAL AID FUND OPERATIVE.

19. That, in accordance with the desire expressed at the last convention, the Pastors' Mutual Aid Fund should be made operative as soon as possible, and to this end it is hereby enacted that the Treasurer of the Mission be authorized to pay into the Fund an amount sufficient to raise the Fund to ¥3000 immediately from funds in the treasury.

WIDER USE OF THE RUTERU.

20. That the Ruteru be improved still further with a view to wider evangelistic use of it; that our congregations be urged to circulate the Ruteru more systematically; and that, while this action does not intend to prohibit the use of other publications, we hereby register our disapproval of the expenditure of our funds for the purchase of other denominational papers.

BUDGET OF THE RUTERU FOR 1927.

21. The following Budget for the Ruteru (Japanese "The Lutheran") for 1927 was approved:

Income.		Expenditures.	
Balance in hand	$ 167.68	Printing	¥ 700.00
From churches	332.85	Editor's Expenses	210.00
Mission Subsidy	665.72	Carriage	76.25
		Mss. and cuts	140.00
Total:	1166.25	Post and telegrams	10.00
		Miscellanies	30.00
		Total	1166.25

KURUME STATION.

22. That, on account of the absence of Rev. K. Shiina on sick leave, the Rev. S. O. Thorlaksson be requested to discharge the duties of pastor to the Kurume congregation.

SALARY OF SINGLE EVANGELISTS.

23. That the salary of unmarried evangelists be raised ten yen (¥10.00) per month.

ANNUAL INCREASE IN SALARY (NENKOKAHO).

24. That the rule governing Nenkokaho (annual increase in salary for length of service) for pastors and evangelists be amended to read: "Nenkokaho" shall continue throughout years of active service.

PERSONNEL OF COMMITTEE TO STUDY PENSIONS QUESTION.

25. That the Committee to study the matter of Ministerial Pensions and Retiring Allowances shall be the Joint Constitutional Revision Committee.

CHANGES IN NOMENCLATURE OF BUDGET.

26. (a) That we adopt the recommendation of the Joint Executive Committee to delete from the 1927 Evangelistic Budget the entire column entitled "Special Meetings," and make the appropriation for general and

special evangelism to be administered by the Joint Evangelistic Committee ¥2,500.

(b) That we adopt the recommendation of the Joint Executive Committee to delete from the 1927 Budget the column entitled "Light and Heat"; and that the following mentioned places only receive appropriation for light and heat in the amounts stipulated, same being added to column entitled "Incidentals and Specials":—Toyohashi, ¥65; Fukushima, ¥50; Saga, Komeya Machi, ¥30; Kumamoto Kogisho, ¥50; Karatsu, ¥50; Kanezaki, ¥20; Kurume, country places, ¥48; Nagoya, Tashiro S.S., ¥30; total, ¥343.

MINAMATA CHURCH FURNISHINGS.

27. That ¥400 be authorized in the 1927 Minamata estimates for Church furnishings.

EMPLOYMENT OF MRS. KAMEYAMA.

28. That Mrs. Kameyama at Kurume, the widow of the late Pastor Kameyama, be engaged as an assistant worker, to be responsible to the missionary at Kurume, who shall report quarterly to the Joint Executive Committee on the progress of her work; and that her salary be fixed at ¥30 per month.

MINAMATA KINDERGARTEN.

29. That we hereby express sympathy with the desire of the Minamata Church for a playground and playroom, but that because of the difficulty of securing suitable teachers and on account of other circumstances we deem it inadvisable to open up a regular kindergarten at this time; but

That the Minamata Church Woman's Society be permitted to use for the present the old bank building on the Church property for an informal kindergarten (*yochikwai*); and

That ¥500 be appropriated in the 1927 Budget for equipment for this purpose.

NEWSPAPER EVANGELISM.

30. That the Rev. C. E. Norman be authorized to co-opt two members for a joint committee, to consider the relationship of the Fukuoka Shinsei Kwan to its several supporting Missions, and to propose standing rules for a joint board of directors which shall have supervision of the work, this committee to act as a board of directors provisionally, until their proposals can be acted upon.

EQUIPMENT EXTENSION PLAN.

31. That the list signifying order of precedence, and giving estimates of cost of purchasing land and erecting church buildings and parsonages in the Equipment Extension Plan proposed by Secretary Dr. Drach, be referred to the Joint Executive Committee.

MISS KOGA TORACHIYO.

32. Inasmuch as Miss Koga Torachiyo, our woman evangelist in Saga for the past seven or eight years, and a Lutheran for about ten years, has been seriously ill since 1925, and since there seems little hope of her immediate recovery, be it resolved that her name be dropped from the roll as an active worker, but that she be given an allowance of ¥30 per month, until the next convention.

MONEY FOR NAGOYA STATION EQUIPMENT.

33. Inasmuch as the proposed concentration of Lutheran work in Chikusa, Nagoya, demands equipment which we do not have at present, and

Inasmuch as we can at present secure very desirable property at the rate of ¥50 per tsubo.

Be it resolved, that the Nagoya Station be granted ¥9,000 for such property out of the 1926 Budget surplus, or such part of this amount as may be available, the remainder to be requested by special appeal to the Board.

APPROPRIATION FOR EVANGELISTIC LITERATURE, KUMAMOTO.

34. That an appropriation of ¥300 be authorized to be included in the Kumamoto Station Budget, to be administered under the supervision of Rev. D. G. M. Bach, for the purchase and distribution of literature in evangelistic work in the Kumamoto Field.

REFUND TO DR. INOUYE.

35. That, in view of special circumstances, ¥1,000 be appropriated out of 1926 Budget, from the item for "Mission Budget, General Incidentals," to refund to Dr. Inouye on the Shimonoseki Church Building loan.

MONEY FOR PARSONAGE AT MINAMATA.

36. That the sum of ¥2,200 be added to the 1927 Budget for a parsonage at Minamata, with the hope that this will be immediately authorized by the Board, it being understood that same will be included also in the Extension Plan.

TOKYO TELEPHONE.

37. That ¥1,680 be included in the Mission Budget for 1927 for a telephone for the missionary's home in Tokyo.

(Note: The resolution as originally proposed called for an appeal for two telephones for Tokyo, at ¥1,680 each; one to be installed in the parsonage and one in the missionary's home. The resolution was amended to cancel the appeal for the phone for the parsonage at this time.)

FRATERNAL DELEGATE TO THE U.L.C.A.

38. That the Rev. J. K. Linn be appointed to represent the Japan Lutheran Church as fraternal delegate to the Convention of the U.L.C.A. at Richmond, Va., Oct. 19, 1926, and bear greetings from the Japan Lutheran Church.

That Mrs. L. G. Gray be authorized to represent the Woman's Work of the Japan Lutheran Church at the Women's Foreign Mission Convention at Rockford, Ill., Sept. 26, 1926.

ALLOWANCE TO MRS. MATSUMOTO.

39. That the allowance to Mrs. Matsumoto, widow of the late Pastor Matsumoto, of ¥10 per month, beside the regular children's allowance, be continued till rules for pensions and retiring allowances have been drafted and made operative.

MISS ANNE POWLAS TO JI-AI-EN.

40. That Miss Anne Powlas be appointed to the JI-AI-EN, Kumamoto, to take charge of the children's department; that she shall go to Kumamoto as soon as possible; but that for the present she shall retain connection with the Saga and Ogi kindergartens, visiting them at her discretion for general supervision till other arrangements can be made.

MISS LIPPARD AND MISS THOREN.

41. That Miss Faith Lippard and Miss Amy Thoren be appointed to work in the Saga Field as soon as they shall have completed their course in the Language School.

RENTAL OF HALL.

42. That the bill of ¥29 in connection with the rental of the public hall at Arima be paid as follows: from the Mission Treasury, ¥20, and from the Nenkwai, ¥9.

CONVENTION EXPENSES OF THE NENKWAI.

43. That the Mission is requested, and at the same time is hereby authorized to defray expenses of the Nenkwai at this Convention, according to the rule, in the sum of ¥810.88.

SUNDAY-SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

44. That the Report of the S.S. Committee be adopted and an item of ¥380. for its work be included in the Evangelistic General Budget for 1927.

APPROVAL OF THE EVANGELISTIC BUDGET

45. That the Budget for Evangelistic Work for 1927 is hereby adopted, as follows:

Evangelistic Station Budget	¥ 51,486.00
Less contributions by Churches, 1925	2,873.50
	48,612.50
Evangelistic General Budget	11,780.00
EVANGELISTIC BUDGET....TOTAL	¥ 60,392.50

(Convention Actions Concluded)

ACTIONS OF THE JAPAN MISSION

ARIMA, July, 1926.

SCIENCE BUILDING FOR KYUSHU GAKUIN.

That an appeal for approximately Yen 25,000 for a new science building and equipment for same be hereby authorized, and that an item for this cause be included in the Japan Mission Equipment Extension Plan which was recommended by Secretary Dr. Drach.

MEDICAL BILLS.

That no bill exceeding Yen-100 for any one case shall be honored for payment unless the sanction of the Mission Executive Committee shall have been previously secured; and,

That, whenever possible, the sanction of the Mission Executive Committee shall be secured in advance, that is, before incurring bills for medical services exceeding the amount above stipulated (namely, one hundred yen.).

THE JI-AI-EN.

(a) That we include in the Budget for 1927 an item of Yen-6,500 for the erection of a home for the children who are now lodged in the Rescue Home Building.

(b) That the Ji-Ai-En Committee be authorized to find or if necessary train an appropriate helper for the rescue work.

(c) That the Ji-Ai-En Committee be authorized to solicit funds from the Japanese Churches and the general public for a much needed baby-ward at the Ji-Ai-En.

(d) That the Ji-Ai-En Committee, together with a committee which it shall co-opt, be instructed to investigate the practicability of co-operating with the Kumamoto City authorities in a work for the feeble-minded, or for feeble-minded and insane as a study of the question may prove advisable, and report at the next Mission Meeting their findings and recommendations.

(e) That, as the present Ji-Ai-En Committee constitued of five missionaries and three co-opted members, is found to be too cumber-

some, the Standing Rule concerning this point be amended to read: "Three (3) missionaries and two (2) Japanese co-opted members, all to be residents of Kumamoto."

MISS LIPPARD.

That Miss Faith Lippard remain and complete her course of language study in Kobe.

MISS HARDER AND MISS BEERS.

That Miss Harder and Miss Beers, upon arrival in Japan, shall be instructed to proceed at once to Tokyo for language study.

LANGUAGE SCHOOL.

The language school at which the new missionaries are to study shall be designated by the Mission Executive Committee after the approaching meeting of the Federation of Christian Missions in Karuizawa, at which the matter of language schools is scheduled to be brought up for discussion.

REQUEST MISS SHIRK'S FURLOUGH EARLY.

That in the case of Miss Helen Shirk's furlough, we make a special request to the Board that it be for a year and a half, beginning with March, 1927, instead of June, in order that she may arrange for special study.

TOKYO RELIEF WORK.

That the Tokyo Relief Committee be authorized to hold the balance of Relief Funds in hand at the close of 1925, amounting to Yen 2,619.69, as provision against exigencies which may arise in connection with the removal and readjustment of buildings at the Widows' Home, which will be necessitated by the reconstruction program of Tokyo City.

VOTE OF SYMPATHY.

That we express our deep and sincere sympathy to Rev. Dr. C. K. Lippard and Miss Lois Lippard, together with Rev. George Bowers, because of their present illness, assuring them of our prayers for their recovery, and our hopes for their return to our midst for the service of Him to Whom they have dedicated their lives and that a copy of this resolution be sent to each of these persons.

MR. NORMAN'S RESIGNATION FROM COMMITTEE

That the Treasurer-Elect, Rev. C. E. Norman, be relieved of the remainder of his term on the Joint Evangelistic Committee which would expire January 1st, 1927, and that Rev. S. O. Thorlaksson the new member, be requested to serve from the present.

KURUME PARSONAGE.

That an item of Yen 3,000 in the Mission Budget for 1927 is hereby authorized, for the purpose of rebuilding the parsonage at Kurume.

SAGA RENT.

That an item of Yen 400 be authorized in the Woman's Work Budget for 1927 for increased rents at Saga.

BUDGET ADOPTED.

That the Mission Budget in the amount of Yen 127,780.00, and the Women's Budget in the amount of Yen 56,864.00, be adopted.

GREETINGS TO JAPANESE LUTHERAN STUDENTS ABROAD.

That we as a Mission send greetings to our Japanese Lutherans studying abroad, assuring them of our continued interest in, and prayers for them.

MISSION STATION EQUIPMENT EXTENSION PLAN.

(a) That the list for missionary homes and land for the same, kindergartens, dormitories, etc., be adopted as proposed; and,

(b) That the Mission Property Committee be consulted for more accurate estimates before the plan is submitted to the Board.

(c) That the list in so far as it concerns church buildings, chapels, parsonages, and land for these, be referred to the Joint Executive Committee for final decision.

KYUSHU JO GAKUIN DEVELOPMENT.

That the Kyushu Jo Gakuin Board of Directors shall have the right to make appeals in the line of the development of the school ad interim direct to he Board through the usual channel for correspondence.

MR. NIELSEN'S RESIGNATION FROM PROPERTY COMMITTEE.

That Mr. Nielsen's resignation from the Mission Property Committee be accepted, and that Mr. Thorlaksson be elected to succeed him as a member of that committee.

VOTES FOR WIVES—TABLED.

That the following motion be table:—"Inasmuch as the Board through its Secretary Dr. Drach has expressed the desire that the missionary wives of our Mission be recognized, be it resolved, That we incorporate in Art. 2, Members, of the Constitution of the Japan Mission, the following clause:—Missionary wives engaged in, or appointed to, work recognized by the Mission, shall be granted the right to vote during the period of such service, each one's qualification to vote being considered at each convention."

MISS THOREN.

That Miss Thoren shall remain in Tokyo for the completion of her course of language study.

DRAFT OF REVISED CONSTITUTION.

The draft of the proposed new constitution was read and informally discussed for the instruction of the Mission Members of the Constitutional Revision Committee.

LIGHT BRIGADE KINDERGARTEN.

That the location for the prospective Light Brigade Kindergarten be designated as the Ji-Ai-En, Kumamoto.

COMPLETE BUDGET

FOR

THE JAPAN WORK

FOR

1927

BUDGET—JAPAN—1927

MISSION BUDGET:

Individual	¥ 23,392.00	
General	104,388.00	
Mission Total	127,780.00	¥127,780.00

EVANGELISTIC:

Stations	¥ 51,486.00	
Less Contributions from Japanese Churches 1925	2,873.50	
	¥ 48,612.50	
General	11,780.00	
Evangelistic Total	¥ 60,392.50	60,392.50

WOMEN'S WORK:

Missionaries	¥ 6,865.00	
Evangelistic	2,599.00	
" General	400.00	
General	5,230.00	
Institutional	41,770.00	
Women's Work Total	¥ 56,864.00	56,864.00
Grand Total		¥245,036.50

Respectfully submitted:

C. W. Hepner.

Clarence E. Norman.

L. S. G. Miller.

Finance Committee, Japan Mission.

ROSTER OF MISSIONARIES OF THE JAPAN MISSION 1926.
(Given in the order of seniority of service in Japan.)

Rev. C. K. Lippard, D.D. (1900) In America on furlough.

Rev. A. J. Stirewalt, D.D. (1905) 303 Hyakunin Machi, Okubo, Tokyo

Rev. L. S. G. Miller, D.D. (1907) Kyushu Gakuin, Kumamoto.

Rev. J. P. Nielsen (1909) 9211 Shimosaginomiya, Nogata Machi, Tokyo-Fu

Rev. Edward T. Horn (1911) 487 Asagaya, Tokyo.

Rev. C. W. Hepner (1912) 754 Sarushinden, Ashiya, Hyogo.

Miss Martha B. Akard (1913) Kyushu Ji Gakuin, Murozono, Kumamoto.

Rev. John K. Linn (1915) In America on furlough.

Rev. S. O. Thorlaksson (1916) Kyomachi, Kurume.

Rev. D. G. M. Bach (1916) 388 Furu-Shinyashiki, Kumamoto.

Rev. C. E. Norman (1917) 15 Gokurakuji-cho, Fukuoka.

Miss Maude Powlas (1918) Ji-Ai-En, Kengun Mura, Kumamoto.

Miss Anne Powlas (1919) Ji-Ai-En, Kengun Mura, Kumamoto.

Rev. Geo. W. Schillinger (1920) Kyushu, Kumamoto.

Rev. A. C. Knudten (1920) Motokoi, Chikusa Machi, Nagoya.

Rev. L. G. Gray (1921) On furlough in America.

Miss Reba Hendrickson (1921) on furlough in America.

Miss Marion Potts (1921) Kyushu Jo Gakuin, Murozono, Kumamoto.

Miss Helen Shirk (1922) Haruyoshi) Fukuoka.

Rev. J. Arthur Linn (1923) Tanimachi, Moji.

Rev. F. W. Heins (1924) Nakanohashi-koji, Saga.

Miss Faith Lippard (1925) Hirabayashi, Nishi Suma, Kobe.

Miss Amy Thoren (1925) Bunka Apartment, Koishikawa, Tokyo.

Rev. George Sowers (1925) On furlough in America.

ROSTER OF PASTORS, EVANGELISTS, TEACHERS AND OTHER WORKERS IN THE JAPAN LUTHERAN CHURCH.

TOKYO:	Rev. D. Honda, Pastor. Mr. N. Iwanaga, Evangelist.
	Theological Seminary Rev. S. Sato. Rev. I. Miura. Mr. N. Asaji.
	Koenji Old Folks' Home Miss C. Matsunaga, Supt.
	Honjo Home for Widows with Children Mrs. Mamiya, Matron.
NAGOYA:	Rev. A. Muto, Pastor.
KYOTO:	Rev. T. Yonemura, Pastor.
OSAKA:	Rev. K. Takimoto, Pastor.
KOBE:	Rev. H. Aoyama, Pastor.
SHIMONOSEKI:	Mr. Y. Yoshida, Evangelist.
MOJI:	Rev. T. Tsuboike, Pastor.
YAWATA:	Rev. T. Kawase, Pastor.
NOGATA:	Rev. S. Takashima, Pastor.
FUKUOKA:	Rev. T. Chiga, Pastor. Miss M. Kakehi, Woman Evangelist. Miss T. Kondo, Kindergarten Teacher. Miss Y. Shiraishi, " " Miss S. Yamasaki, " "
TOSU:	Mr. I. Takami, Evangelist.

KURUME:	Rev. K. Shiina, Pastor. Miss S. Sasaki, Kindergarten Teacher. Miss C. Baba, " " Miss Y. Kondo, " " Mrs. Kameyama, Missionary's Assistant.
AMAGI:	Rev. N. Washiyama, Pastor.
HITA:	Rev. S. Okuma, Pastor.
SAGA:	Rev. K. Watanabe, Pastor. Miss U. Saito, Kindergarten Teacher. Miss T. Tomioka, " "
OGI:	Miss A. Inui, Woman Evangelist. Miss M. Matsuoka, Kindergarten Teacher. Miss F. Ide, " " Miss M. Hashimoto, " "
KARATSU:	Rev. T. Wasa, Pastor.
OMUTA:	Mr. S. Tominaga, Evangelist.
KUMAMOTO:	Rev. R. Ishimatsu, Pastor.
	Kyushu Gakuin Dr. S. Toyama, Principal. Rev. H. Inadomi, Pastor. Rev. K. Kosaka.
	Janice James School (Kyushu Jo Gakuin) Mr. J. Murakami, Head Teacher.
	Colony of Mercy (Ji-Ai-En) Mrs. M. Nonaka, Ass't in Women's Rescue Work. Mrs. M. Hatanaka, Matron, Children's Home.
MINAMATA:	Mr. H. Ouchi, Evangelist.

(Note: The title "Pastor" designates an ordained minister; "Evangelist," unordained.)

INFORMATION:

Apportionment of Nenkwai's Convention Expenses Among the Churches:

1926.

Class		Church.	Amount.
A.	¥80.	Kyushu Gakuin Church Hakata Kurume Kumamoto	¥320.00
B.	¥75.	Minamata	75.00
		(The above five sent lay delegate)	
	¥65.	Tokyo	65.00
C.	¥45.	Osaka Kyoto Saga Shimonoseki Omuta	225.00
D.	¥35.	Moji Nogata Kobe Yawata Ebara	175.00
E.	¥25.	Nagoya Hita Amagi	75.00
F.	¥14.	Tosu Karatsu Ogi	42.00
G.	¥ 5.	Toyohashi Kanezaki	10.00
		Total:	987.00

JAPAN
ADVERTISER
PRESS

JAPAN ADVERTISER PRESS